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## 'CUC's CW-1 applications for 13 still pending, 9 stopped working'

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s petition applications for 13 foreign workers are still waiting to be approved by U.S. Citi-

zenship and Immigration Services as of June 28, according to CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho.

In his recent report to the CUC board, Camacho said that USCIS has completed the data entry for all fiscal year 2019 CW-1 cap-subject petitions selected in the lottery and has returned all petitions that were not selected in the lottery.

Separately, CUC legal counsel James Sirok filed Camacho's report on Monday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI in connection with a status conference set for Aug. 27.

CUC listed 20 foreign workers as of June 30, 2018. Ten have CW-1 visas, a Commonwealth-only work visa, while 10 others have H1-B visas. Most of them are with CUC's Power Generation Division.

Of the 10 who have H1-B  
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'Abandon bill clarifying casino panel powers'

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The Office of the Attorney General strongly opposes legislation that seeks to clarify the functions and authority of the Commonwealth Casino Com-

» AG cites over 30 'problematic' provisions

mission, saying it would instead exempt the commission from several laws.

In a letter dated May 25, 2018, that *Saipan Tribune*  
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## OVER CLEANUP OF OIL CONTAMINATION

### Coast Guard, EPA assess CUC \$10M

» Counsel: CUC developing plan to limit further assessments

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To date, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has been assessed approximately



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counsel James S. Sirok. In CUC's status report filed in federal court on Monday, Sirok disclosed that approximately \$2.13 million of the \$10 million is an EPA assessment amount.

The CUC report referred to the amount as an "assessment."

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter will hold a conference on Aug. 27 to review CUC's report on the status of CUC's actions and activities associated with Stipulated Order 1 and 2



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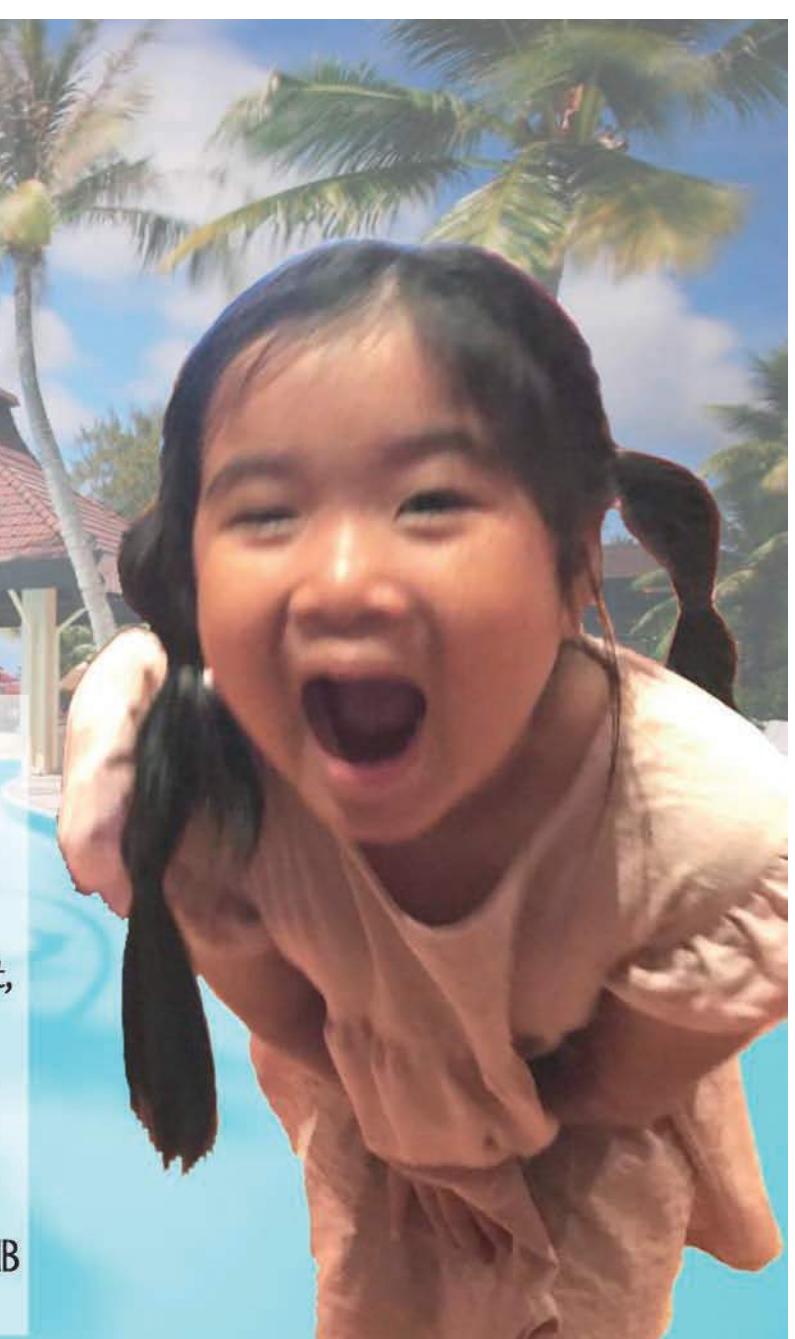
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# Local

## Blanco awaits Guam Legislature's response

Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) said the CNMI Legislature would continue to monitor its counterpart in Guam about a proposal to impose additional taxes on fuel that passes through Guam on its way to Saipan.

Sen. Telena C. Nelson's Bill 257-34, co-authored by Sens. Thomas C. Ada and Dennis G. Rodriguez Jr., aims to eliminate tax exemptions on transshipped fuel that goes through the port of Guam.

Blanco said the 34th Guam Legislature, led by Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, has not yet answered the letter he sent expressing concern about what the bill is proposing. "The bill was introduced but not yet assigned to a committee. [But] we'll keep an eye out."

"The Guam Legislature has not yet answered our letter. It [the bill] has not been assigned, so perhaps it was dead upon introduction," added Blanco, who echoed the same concerns raised by the nine leaders of the Micronesian Islands Forum.

The Association of Pacific Islands Legislature also sent a separate letter about the bill. Guam is a member of both MIIF and APIL.

Transshipped fuel via Guam—that heads to CNMI ports (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota), the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap), Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands—has been tax exempt for three decades.

Imposing additional taxes on transshipped fuel would further increase its price once it reaches its destination, which could force petroleum distributors on each island nation to pass it to consumers.

Blanco, who is seeking re-election for one of the six seats

at stake in Precinct 3, said the bill not being assigned yet to a committee is some sort of good news.

"I also understand that a bill, a few years back, was also introduced and it died in the Guam Legislature. So, I'm putting a lot of my faith on Speaker Cruz to reconsider entertaining it," he added.

He pointed out that the bill would have a great impact on the fragile economies of the CNMI, FSM, RMI, and Palau. "It is going to adversely affect everybody in the region." (Jon Perez)

## High surf advisory until 6pm today

A high surf advisory remains in effect in the CNMI until 6pm today, Wednesday. There is a high risk of rip currents through 6pm today.

According to the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, large west swells will continue to cause hazardous surf of 8 to 10 feet along west facing reefs through this morning. Surf is expected to fall below hazardous levels this evening.

Surf could briefly become hazardous again later in the week as west swell periodi-

cally increases from Tropical Depression 18W.

The public is advised to avoid venturing near reef lines and beaches, especially those facing west. Large breaking waves can knock you down and cause serious injuries.

Strong rip currents will be life threatening. If you become caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore and back toward the beach when possible. Do not attempt to swim directly against a rip current. (Saipan Tribune)

## 483 junk cars disposed of

From October 2017 to August 2018, the Saipan Mayor's Office managed to remove 483 junk cars in different parts of the island.

According field operations director Joan Aquino, a total of 405 other junk cars still

Case of woman related to alleged sex abuse dismissed

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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted yesterday the request of the Office of the Attorney General and the defense to drop the case against a woman who is related to a minor who was allegedly sexually abused.

The OAG may re-file the case against Francisca Osilek in the future. *Saipan Tribune* opted not to disclose Osilek's relationship with the girl.

With the case now dismissed, the court can no longer monitor the conditions that both parties had required of Osilek.

Assistant attorney general Frances T. Demapan and defense counsel Michael White have agreed not to re-file the case so long as two conditions are met.

The first condition is that Osilek shall not mention, discuss, or refer to the ongoing criminal cases to the victim or to any defendants in the case.

The other condition is that Osilek shall complete a parenting class at the Division of Youth Services composed on six two-hour sessions.

In the government's motion to dismiss, Demapan said the Commonwealth believes that a dismissal without prejudice is warranted.

Camacho vacated Osilek's jury trial, set for Sept. 4, 2018.

The OAG charged Osilek for asking the 15-year-old girl to drop the charges against 35-year-old Jeffry Manarang Fernandez, who allegedly sexually abused the girl.

Last Friday, Camacho also dismissed without prejudice the case against Rose Fernandez, who is the mother of Jeffry Fernandez.

The case against Jeffry Fernandez is still pending in court.

need to be removed as part of the office's debris cleaning and maintenance efforts.

Many of the vehicles that

remain to be picked up were not removed, Aquino said, because their owners were either not at home or Saipan Mayor's

Office staff members were unable to access the vehicles due to more debris blocking the entrance.

To resolve this issue, Aquino has asked the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to help clean up the debris—mostly

trees and plants trapping the cars—so they could remove these abandoned vehicles. (Fahim Uddin)

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## Torres: Casino issues 'must be worked on'

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REPORTER

Both the incumbent governor and Senate president believe that both the casino industry and the tourism industry are co-related and essential to the future of the CNMI economy.

In an interview last Monday, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres

and Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said that issues besetting the casino industry must be worked on, while the tourism industry should not be forgotten.

Responding to a question about the completion of the sole casino in the CNMI, Torres replied that "issues must be resolved."

"As long as we see that there is progress moving forward and our people are being taken cared of, that is our priority," he said. "I mean if we were to say [we disagree and] clog them up because they are behind in certain things, is that business partnership? Do we do that to everybody?"

Torres reiterated that the ca-

sino industry has greatly benefitted the CNMI, even in its current state of incompleteness.

"They have brought revenue from...businesses across the CNMI and so we are here and we continue to work with them and continue to work with other companies that want to come in and have issues. I am happy that their workforce continues to come in," he added. "If they do have

issues, let's work with them as we have worked with every other company."

Torres did state that he remains "concerned" that the casino has yet to be completed.

Palacios pointed out that the gaming industry ultimately revived the tourism industry in the CNMI, and noted that efforts to take care of the tourism industry should be sustained.

"...I am happy to hear that the governor has made a lot of

effort to make sure that airlines from Japan, which has been an issue, [is in the works]," he said.

Palacios cited the memorandum of understanding between Japan's third largest carrier, Skymark Airlines.

"[Torres] is putting every effort with the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and those in the industry to make sure that we continue to do this," said Palacios.

## Power interruption on Aug. 11

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 5am to 10am.

This sectionalized feeder outage on Kiya 2 distribution

circuit second partial will affect Koblerville. No water well or wastewater lift station will be affected. Five power poles will be replaced.

The power interruption is a continuation of CUC's ongoing hazard mitigations project that focuses on strengthening and hardening CUC's power distribution system through the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles.

Of the 787 wooden poles to be replaced with concrete poles, 752 replacements have been made by CUC and

its contractor.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282). (**CUC**)

## CASINO

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obtained only yesterday, Attorney General Edward Manibusan strongly opposed Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero's (R-Saipan) House Bill 20-82, which attempts to clarify and reinforce the authority of the casino commission for its oversight over the casino industry in the CNMI.

Manibusan cited 30 "problematic" sections of the bill, including provisions that partially exempts the casino commission from the Open Government Act, Administrative Procedures Act, and the Government Liability Act.

"...CCC and its employees and agents are made completely sovereignly immune from suit without any explanation. If the bill is to go forward, the findings must be seriously supplemented so as to specifically address the reasons for the radical departures from established legislative policy to aid the courts in interpreting the bill should it become law," he wrote.

Manibusan cited over 30 reasons to kill the bill, some of which include the bill's provision to provide sole regulatory oversight over the casino.

"The...language is too broad and could be construed as limiting even the [Department of Finance's] tax au-

thority and other regulatory agencies such as the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and Department of Public Health Sanitation Bureau," he wrote.

He added that a separate provision that would make CCC responsible for judging whether or not documents, data, or information on licensees provided by the commission are "suitable for public inspection" is also problematic.

"This [provision] makes the CCC the guardian and judge of all of the information it possesses. There is no judicial oversight to this provision. Taken together, this provision is extremely overbroad and basically exempts all CCC information from disclosure," he said.

A separate provision in the bill also allows the CCC to conduct hearings and meetings "with or without public notice, at such times and places, within or without the Commonwealth, as may be convenient." Manibusan opposed this provision, which also included the provision that the casino commission may have a working meeting and meet in an "open or closed meeting, with or without notice, within or without the Commonwealth, to discuss and deliberate about any matter over which the commission has jurisdiction."

"This would essentially remove the CCC from the Open

Government Act and Open Meetings Act. This is an extreme measure that would allow the CCC to essentially operate in secret. ...The provision empowering the CCC to meet outside the Commonwealth, to meet without notice to the public, etc. are extremely troubling," he wrote.

In an Aug. 6, 2018, letter to Senate Gaming Committee chair Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), the clarification is ostensibly necessary for CCC to "conduct its operations in the most effective and efficient manner."

"Included in [the bill] are appropriate authorities such as funding mechanism, law enforcement authority for the CCC's Division of Enforcement & Investigations, which resembles other gaming jurisdictions such as Nevada, Massachusetts, New Jersey, to name a few," wrote commission chair Juan Sablan.

"I understand that the OAG issued its opinion regarding [the bill], but most of what he stated bear no legal analysis, rather only his personal policy preferences. It is your decision as a policy-making body to pursue the passage of [the bill] as it address the efficient and effective operation of CCC, the protection of the Commonwealth government and its people, protection of the gaming industry and its patrons, and so much more,"

he added.

Quitugua, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, noted that the gaming committee in their meeting yesterday did not act on the bill. However, he believes that the CCC should be holding some kind of authority to properly oversee the casino to allow them to "exercise and do their jobs diligently as authorized by law."

"They have been in existence for a few years already, so they have implemented and enforced the existing statute. Through their experience as a regulatory body, they are now seeing the need to amend the law so that they can do their job much better," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Commenting on the AG's letter, Quitugua noted that the committee met with the casino commissioners yesterday to be "clearer and more specific" as to why they want the expanded authority.

"We might be making some changes to improve the bill because we also want the commission to do their job diligently as provided by law. If...the existing statute hinders their ability to regulate the sole casino, then it is our duty that such an authority is given to them so that they can do their job accordingly. We will be reviewing everything submitted, including the AG's opinion," noted Quitugua.

and directed by EPA environmental engineer and on-scene coordinator Michelle Rogow using, at times, third party contractors performing services for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

To limit further assessments against CUC for these activities, CUC, through its SO2s Technical Manager for Oil, has been talking to the U.S. Department of Justice and EPA for the ultimate purpose of assuming the required monitoring activities at power plants 1 and 2 on Saipan and at the power

plant on Rota, Sirok said.

He said CUC has been informed that its assumption of these activities must occur under a specific plan developed by CUC, which in turn would be approved by EPA's on-scene coordinator and the DOJ.

Sirok said the parties are approaching this task in a positive manner, with EPA and DOJ agreeing that CUC may perform these activities under an approved plan.

CUC's TMO is in the process of developing the plan.

Sirok said there does not

appear to be conflicts as the parties move through this process.

CUC has inquired with DOJ Environmental Enforcement Section senior attorney Bradley R. O'Brien and EPA assistant regional counsel Janet Magnuson and EPA environmental engineer F. Russell Mechem II whether TMO monies may be used for some costs associated with these activities such as costs and expenses related to the repair and maintenance of the oil recovery and monitoring system at power plants 1 and 2 areas.

While payment for this \$10 million is still in dispute, Sirok said CUC will continue to be assessed by EPA for monitoring activities coordinated

process.

The seven are all assigned to power generation.

Camacho said two other foreign workers assigned to power generation also stopped working due to denied H-1B applications.

Camacho said CW-1 applications will be submitted for the two who are waiting for the regulations for the new CNMI Workforce law.

other Historical Preservation Offices. It's truly beautiful to see the *man'amko* as the superstars," he added.

Manglona himself couldn't be prouder of the work the *man'amko* members put in to make the movie possible. "I was very pleased to see a lot of people show up and most of our seniors got to see the production for the first time. There was laughter when they see a familiar face on the screen as it comes from the fact that they know them and they're watching, saying, 'Man, I can't believe they are up there,'" he said.

"Making this film is really exciting for me because when you work with the seniors, you just got to be able to keep in mind that they are seniors and we have to go with their pace... A lot of the scenes in the movie may seem dangerous but it's actually very safe and controlled," he added.

Proceeds of the film will go directly to the *man'amko* fundraising account. "...this helps fund special activities, help procure recreational equipment like computers and anything that they can use," Manglona said.

Manglona added this will help the *man'amko* accomplish their goals and mission—to remain active, healthy, involved, interested, as well as travel to Timian, Rota and Guam to meet other *man'amko* there.

Other Office of Aging programs that benefit senior citizens at the center include nutrition program, preventive health, dancing and exercising, elder abuse and neglect prevention, and senior community service employment program.

The *Forgotten Island* movie tickets are available only at the Office of the Aging on Middle Road across Gold's Gym at \$15 each.

## COAST

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(SO1 and 2).

SO 1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater and the restructuring of CUC's organization.

SO 2 focuses on oil issues and also applies to oil spills and the remediation of the contaminated power plants.

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# Kilili: Legacy bill has strong chance if...

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said H.R. 6578, a bill he introduced that would grant CNMI-only immigration status to long-term foreign workers, has a strong chance of moving forward in the next Congress—if the Democrats take the majority in the House of Representatives.

The U.S. midterm elections, which will be held on Nov. 6, is expected to be a dog-fight between Republican and Democratic candidates, with the GOP hoping to keep its stranglehold on Congress.

"Not this Congress, no. But in the next Congress, if the Democrats win the majority in the House, which is more likely," said Sablan when asked if H.R. 6578 has a strong chance in the 115th Congress.

Sablan, who is seeking a sixth term as NMI delegate, was one of the speakers in last Saturday's Democratic Party of the Northern Marianas Convention at the Grandvrio Hotel's Fiesta Room. The Democrats endorsed him; he is technically an independent candidate, although he caucuses with Democrats in Congress.

"There has to be an immigration bill. It's just, the system is so broken that there

## Torres to deliver SOCA on Aug. 21

Following the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 20-06, D1, HD1 last Friday, the 20th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature has officially called for a joint session to receive the annual State of the Commonwealth Address of Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018, at 10am at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan.

In a statement, Torres said: "In this year's SOCA, I will be talking about our place in the world and lay out what we should do for our future if we continue this journey together."

## Children attend youth summer camp

The Carolinian Affairs Office and Tinian Division of Youth Services collaborated to organize a youth summer program for children with ages between 5 and 17 at the Northern Marianas College.

The program lasted from July 9 through July 27 and was held from Monday through Friday, starting at 12:30pm to 4:30pm.

About 30 children were expected to participate, according to Division of Youth Services caseworker Monika Diaz in an earlier interview, but transportation difficulties cut that number to only 20.

The children learned primarily about community

just has to be an immigration bill. Just today [Saturday], a federal judge, appointed by [former] President [George W. Bush] ruled that the Trump administration has to implement [the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] permanently, that the [Trump administration] could not stop the program because they don't have a logical explanation as to why the program is illegal or why it is wrong. The judge decided that this is one of the strongest decision/opinion issued by a court on the DACA program. We do have, not many that I know of, two citizens here," added Sablan.

He said it is the right timing to re-introduce the improved status bill for long-time foreign workers in the CNMI. "The timing now is to introduce it and leave it as a marker, so when in the next Congress, if the Democrats again get elected and if I win, the language is there and re-introduced. Because I know there would be an immigration bill."

"Just like [what] I did with the Gang of 8. When I went to each of the Gang of 8 [in the U.S. Congress], they included my language, all of it [on] S. 744 [Border Security, Economic, Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of

The progress we have made together is a testament to your belief that our islands' best days are ahead. There's a lot of work that still needs to be done, and we've got some big choices ahead as a community, but I truly believe that if we make those right choices, our future will be bright. I really look forward to updating our community, both on island and online."

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2013]. That's because I already had a marker," said Sablan.

The Gang of 8 is a bipartisan group composed of four Democrats and four Republicans that wrote the draft of S. 744. Democrat Sens. Michael Bennet (CO), Dick Durbin (IL), Robert Menendez (NJ), and Chuck Schumer (NY), and GOP Sens. Jeff Flake (AZ), Lindsey Graham (SC), John McCain (AZ), and Marco Rubio (FL) were the members.

"Yes, it has a chance in the next Congress, if Democrats are in the majority. We're a much better people that we can learn to appreciate the contributions that many of [the foreign workers] had done for us over the years. And I think, helping out as much as I can makes me sleep well at night," said Sablan.

### CNMI-only resident

One of the languages in H.R. 6578 would allow guest workers to legally stay and work in the CNMI, where the individual has a choice of being a CNMI-only permanent resident for the rest of their lives.

"But in five years, you will be eligible to apply for a green card, it's your choice. If you qualify, then you get a green card. If you choose not to apply, that's your choice. You will be a CNMI permanent resident only and you can travel if you have a B1/B2 visa; you can go to the States. If you don't, you can stay here permanently," he said.

"[The language] has always been the same. The options are yours and you will make the choice. For some people, getting their green card is not so easy," said Sablan, who added

that the person has the choice to apply for a green card anytime they want.

Sablan said that granting improved status is the right thing to do for many of the guest

workers that had stayed almost all of their lives in the CNMI. "Many of our third-country nationals have been here through good and bad times. They helped developed our islands."

He also included E2C visa holders in granting improved status. E2C is a CNMI-only investor visa. "I included the E2C, which is around 200, and these are people who have businesses here and have workers [here]. And [they] provide jobs to long-term non-U.S. citizens here."

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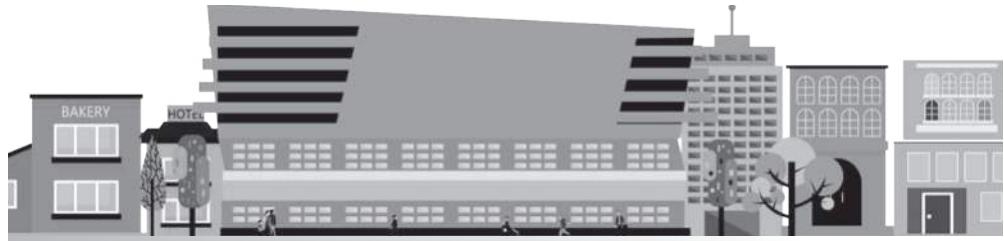
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A Stanford University coding group, which has some members from Saipan, was behind a summer program that taught JavaScript language to CNMI students. The 17 students who participated—middle and high school, both from public and private schools—presented their works last Thursday at the American Memorial Park auditorium.

CNMI State Public School System Science Program coordinator Asap Ogunmoro said the group first reached out to the office of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, who then informed the PSS Commissioner's Office of the plan.

"Commissioner [Glenn Muña] then worked with our office on how to get the program started here," said Ogunmoro, who is scheduled to travel to Washington, D.C. with a separate group of students for the STEP-UP research program.

"STEP-UP is where students take up a summer research project on different issues. They do that work and then present what they have

researched in D.C. to some stakeholders. It's a different program," Ogunmoro added.

Jailene Miranda-Enriquez, a visiting computer science student from Stanford University, was the instructor of the program and mentored the students from start to finish. She previously volunteered as mentor to elementary students in California and Colorado.

She said they opened the opportunity to both public and private middle and high school students on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. "We opened the applications in January where 25 students registered online but only 17 were able to participate in the course."

"There's been a lot of interest. The course started on July 2 and ended on Aug. 2. The students put in over 200 hours of coding practice but that's just at the school-classroom side. They even continued learning to code at home and during weekends."

Last Thursday's presentation was the culmination of the program and the students' work. "[In] the first half of the program they learned the different languages to write. Then in the last half, they put

some work together."

"Some are either doing a game and some are doing some kind of communicating platform, showcasing what kind of programs they could put together based on the coding skills and algorithms they learned from the course."

Ogunmoro said his work involves introducing science technology engineering and mathematics programs to PSS students. "Anytime there's a STEM program that wants to work with the system and the students, I try to see how to make it happen. ...I help coordinate, get the right people involved, and also get our students involve," said Ogunmoro, who also thanked Dandan Middle School for hosting the five-week summer course.

"Dandan allowed us to use their space, technology, tools, and the campus. Thank you to Reo Arriola and Lynn Menidiola who hosted us for the whole summer," he added.

PSS is looking to add JavaScript language coding to its curriculum as an elective and a separate program like STEP-UP, Real World Design Challenge, Dream Green Home, and Mock Trial.

### Book tells stories of UOG's first nursing grads

The University of Guam School of Nursing Alumni Association, in partnership with the UOG School of Nursing, will release the book, *The Nurses: 50 Years of Dedicated Service, Nurturing, Caring, Service with Compassion*, on Aug. 16, starting at 5:30pm at the UOG School of Nursing. The nurses featured in the book will be present to sign books and share their experiences.

Published by the school's first graduating class, the Class of 1968, in celebration of its 50th reunion, the book features photos and personal narratives of the life stories and professional journeys of each of the nurses in the Class of 1968 as well as the legacy of contributions they have made to health care in Guam.

It also documents the history and genesis of formal nursing education in Guam.

"This book is a symbol of who we are as the first graduating class, the Class of 1968," said Alumni Association president Rose Tribaudini. "We are the guiding light for the next generation of nurses. We have done a lot of good for the health of our island community in Guam and throughout Micronesia."

The book will serve as a resource for current and future nursing students as they

The narratives about each nurse featured in the book provide a clear vision of the contributions that nurses make every day to the health and wellbeing of all who call Guam home.

Additionally, the book amplifies nurses' voices during a time of struggle for the Guam Memorial Hospital.

"We want to reach our leaders because of all the issues that we are now having at the hospital in hopes that politicians would consider the important voices of nurses," Tribaudini said. "We want to have our voices heard because we are at the forefront assisting the voiceless and infirmed, our patients, 24/7." (PR)

## Micronesian students are awarded K12 scholarship

**COLONIA, Yap**—Eighteen students from across Micronesia will enroll in private schools this fall with the help of Habele tuition scholarships. Attendance at these schools dramatically increases the likelihood that these children—residents of some of the most remote communities on earth—will complete a K-12 education.

Since 2006, Habele has partnered with families, schools, and local stakeholders to ensure that bright, hard-working students have access to the best education possible. These tuition scholarships are funded entirely by individuals with a deep commitment to children in underserved Micronesian communities.

The students, whose families come from isolated islands and atolls throughout Yap and Chuuk States, have been awarded tuition assistance covering 75 percent of the cost of their 2018-19 enrollment. They will be attending top-ranked, independent K-12 schools on the islands of Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei. Most will live with relatives or sponsors for the length of the school year.

The far-flung islands of the Federated States of Micro-

nesia are renowned for their natural beauty, as well as their strategic location in the crossroads of the Pacific. Extreme isolation and limited natural resources remain a struggle for the nation, despite decades of direct financial aid from the U.S. government. These huge sums have failed to translate into broad educational access or measurable education success for most Micronesian students.

In this void, Habele continues to demonstrate the real impact that comes through targeted investment with local buy-in.

"Habele invests directly in students," said Matt Coleman, executive director of Habele. "We take a lot of pride in watching them thrive academically, then graduate equipped to pursue higher education and give back to their communities."

Habele also donates to public school libraries across the FSM, supports traditional skills instructional programs, and facilitates the only high-school robotics league in the Western and Central Pacific.

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The community is invited

to pitch in with donations of school supplies and clothes in good condition for children and youth (ages 4 – 18).

"We know many families are struggling to make ends

meet, and we want to help make sure their [children] start the school year with some of the basic tools they need to succeed," EVM director Rose Smith said.

Donations may be delivered to Empty Vessel Ministry's office in Gualo Rai on Wednesday and Friday this week from 10am to 3pm, or at Karidat's office at the



Group photo shows some of the volunteers at Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation: Junaleen Jose, Rose Smith, Tina Sablan, Neryvan Komaky, Minolta Laniyo, and Lawrence Laniyo. The foundation will be sorting and packing clothes and supplies tomorrow, Aug. 8, between 9am and 12pm.

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The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

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NORTHERN MARIANAS PROTECTION & ADVOCACY SYSTEMS, INC.

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

NMPASI hereby seeks comments and/or suggestions from the community on how to improve upon its proposed Statement of Goals & Priorities for fiscal year 2019 as follows:

#### Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) STATEMENT OF GOALS AND PRIORITIES (FY 2019)

[CLIENT / COMMUNITY SERVICES]

##### **GOAL 1: To provide legally-based advocacy services on behalf of individuals with disabilities and their families in the CNMI.**

**Priority 1.1:** Facilitate appropriate advocacy and provide direct representation for eligible individuals with disabilities in the community (at least one more than the previous fiscal year).

**Priority 1.2:** Facilitate sufficient technical assistance to individuals with disabilities, family members of individuals with disabilities and other members of the general community at large.

**Priority 1.3:** Facilitate appropriate representation for un/underserved individuals with disabilities (including but not limited to those living in institutions or other housing facilities).

##### **GOAL 2: To advance the understanding of and appreciation for Protection & Advocacy services and disability-related issues in the CNMI.**

**Priority 2.1:** Facilitate opportunities for the community to engage in learning about disability-related issues.

**Priority 2.2:** Promote the understanding of local and federal disability laws.

**Priority 2.3:** Foster local capacity in self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.

[ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS]

##### **GOAL 3: To enhance the quality of protection & advocacy services and the efficiency of the organization's operations.**

**Priority 3.1:** Maintain an efficient, effective and legally-compliant administrative operation.

**Priority 3.2:** Maintain an effective, diverse and knowledgeable staff and board of directors.

**Priority 3.3:** Ensure sufficient and sustainable funding in support of organization's mission.

**For anything further, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] or contact us on-line at [www.nmpasi.org](http://www.nmpasi.org).**

\*NMPASI, a local non-profit organization, administers grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD), and the Human Resources Services Administration (HRSA), the U.S. Department of Education (DOE)/Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), and the Social Security Administration (SSA).

## NMC's Matsunaga files candidacy

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REPORTER

Isabel Panglinan Matsunaga, the Northern Marianas College testing coordinator, filed yesterday morning her candidacy as an independent bet for Precinct 2 of the House of the Representatives.

Matsunaga, 25, was accompanied by family members and some supporters when she turned in her papers for candidacy to Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Julita Villagomez and CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol.

Former governor Juan N. Babauta and former education commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan and some fellow in-

dependent candidates came to support Matsunaga.

Precinct 2 covers Susupe, Chalan Kanoa, part of Finasisu, As Lito, and As Perdido.

In an interview, Matsunaga said she can offer a different perspective and a voice for the youth and women.

"We need more women. We need more people among my generation to speak up for the issues that are happening now," she said. "I want to be part of the movement...a part of the movement that hopefully makes some real change."

Matsunaga is the eldest of three children of Ramon T. Matsunaga and Tina Matsunaga.

After graduating from Marianas High School, she got her associate degree in Liberal Arts

at NMC. She is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in business math. She has been working at NMC as testing coordinator for four years now.

The deadline to file candidacies is today, Wednesday.

As of yesterday, 87 have filed their candidacies for the Nov. 6 general election. Chief Justice Alejandro Castro and Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, who are seeking retention on the bench, are not included in the 87.

Meanwhile, former Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero confirmed yesterday that she will be filing her candidacy as an independent for a Senate seat.

Deleon Guerrero said she will be filing her papers today, Wednesday, at 2:30pm.

## Rota's son graduates from US Army's aviation center

John A. Ayuyu of Rota, who has a rank of warrant officer 1 in the U.S. Army, graduated from the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence last July 19, 2018, making him the first fixed wing aviator from the Marianas to do so.

Ayuyu, the son of Juan M. Ayuyu and Alvina A. Ayuyu, completed his training at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Ayuyu graduated from Warrant Officer Candidate School in April 2017 and has completed the Overwater Sur-

vival Training and Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape courses.

This year, he set his sights higher, finishing at the top of his class in the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course flying UH-72 Lakota helicopters.

During his Advance Aircraft Selection, he selected the U.S. Army's C-12 airplane. Ayuyu has completed the Army's C-12 Initial Entry fixed Wing



Course and is now current and qualified.

The U.S. Army has selected Ayuyu to attend the DHC-7 Aircraft Qualification Course this fall and ultimately will remain as his primary fixed wing aircraft.

Ayuyu will be stationed in South Korea and will soon be joined by his wife, Kristin P. Ayuyu, and their daughters, Sophia and Olivia. (PR)



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## EDITORIAL

### Protect endangered species. Period.

The bald eagle probably would be gone today without the protection of the 1973 Endangered Species Act. Ditto the American alligator, grizzly bear, gray wolf, California condor and Florida manatee. The world would be poorer for the loss of those creatures.

We see the law as a success. Many protected animals or plants have multiplied under safeguards. But we've heard the longstanding criticism: Few of the 2,339 listed species have recovered enough to be removed from the endangered list. That leaves many ranchers, developers, oil and gas drillers fuming. They seek to exploit their property without fearing government intervention to protect habitats.

Now the Trump administration proposes a sweeping overhaul of regulations, apparently aiming to loosen those protections. Many of these rules changes would skew enforcement of the law in favor of human activity—construction projects, pipelines, roads—over wildlife preservation, Brent Keith, a senior policy adviser for The Nature Conservancy, tells us.

Under the administration's proposal, for instance, officials could weigh economic consequences when deciding if dwindling plants or animals should be protected. That's a bad idea. As it is now, there is no economic calculation in this decision. Once a species is considered for the list, it is already in trouble. Making officials jump through more hoops could delay the species' protection until it is too late.

Yes, the current protocols for protecting endangered species can be improved. The Nature Conservancy outlines a collaborative approach that brings together stakeholders to hammer out a deal before a species is on the brink of extinction. The aim is to avoid expensive, protracted court fights and to help landowners as well as wildlife. More of that, please.

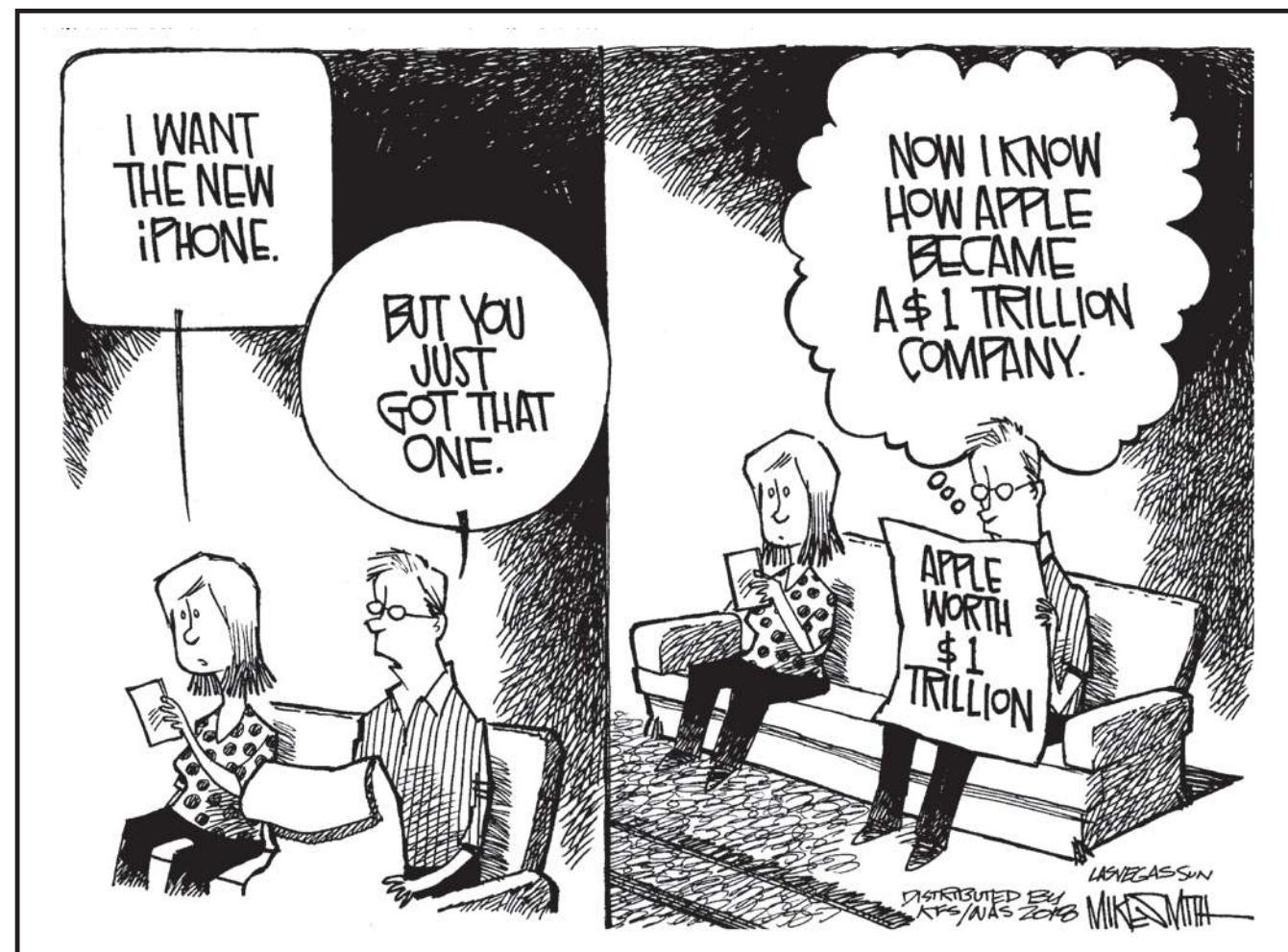
When the Trump administration took office, we extolled the comebacks of the grizzly bear and several endangered species. And we issued a challenge to the new president: Don't squander this progress. Build on it. Americans know that protecting endangered wildlife is not free. That protection at times involves crimping the ability of landowners and businesses to fully exploit their property. But protecting endangered species, like protecting clean air and water, is vital.

So far, the Trump administration has a dismal environmental record. Trump has shortsightedly reduced two Utah national monuments and has not ruled out shrinking others across the country. The administration also has moved to cripple a century-old law that protects birds. The Interior Department's new guidance says that officials will no longer hold companies or individuals accountable for mass killing of birds—through oil spills, for instance, or indiscriminate use of pesticides—if they show they didn't intend to do so.

Yes, life on Earth is a story of eventual extinction. That doesn't mean we should gleefully shove more species over the cliff. How to calculate the cost of eradicating an animal, a plant, from the Earth, forever? How to explain the incalculable loss to future generations?

You can't.

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## The American art of renewal

**M**ake America Great Again" is the oft-caricatured slogan of the Donald Trump presidency. When Trump was elected, he boasted of jump-starting the economy to achieve an annual economic growth rate of 4 percent.

Experts laughed him off as a naif who did not understand that structural changes in demography and technology made such growth impossible. Many economists predicted that Trump would crash the stock and job markets.

Yet less than two years into Trump's presidency, the economy achieved 4 percent growth in the second quarter of 2018. Unemployment rates are at near-record lows. The stock market and oil and gas production are reaching unprecedented heights.

Such radical turnarounds have been common in U.S. history. As the ancient Athenian historian Thucydides noted, large democracies are by nature volatile, they can mobilize quickly, and they can change on a dime—sometimes in the right direction.

In late 1983, Ronald Reagan was being written off a practitioner of voodoo economics. The country was still mired in a recession caused by Reagan's efforts to break runaway inflation.

In the 1982 midterm elections, Republicans lost 27 seats in the House and one in the Senate. The man likely to be Reagan's Democratic rival two years later, Walter Mondale, was considered a good bet to win the presidency, given his youthful vigor, his prior service as vice president and his incorruptibility.

Yet in the 12 months from November 1983 to the 1984 election, the economy grew at an astonishing quarterly rate of better than 7 percent. Unemployment dropped. Almost every economic indicator showed an unprecedented boom.

Mondale went down to defeat in one of the largest Electoral College landslides in U.S. history, largely because the economy had been reinvented almost overnight from a bust to a boom.

In 1940, Depression-era America was recovering from yet another downturn. The New Deal had not restored prosperity after the 1929 crash. Europe was largely under the control of Nazi Germany.

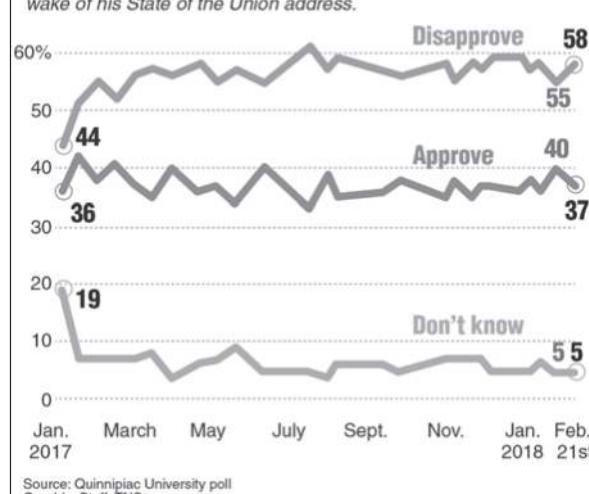
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### President Trump's job approval

American voters gave Trump a 37 to 58 percent approval rating on Feb. 21, compared to a 40 to 55 percent rating Feb. 7, in the wake of his State of the Union address.



Only the United Kingdom was left of the European democracies that had fought Hitler. The Soviet Union was aiding Hitler. Imperial Japan was preparing to gobble up most of the Pacific, especially orphaned European colonies rich in oil, rubber, agriculture and precious metals.

The United States was torn apart politically between isolationists and interventionists. Fights broke out in Congress over whether the country could afford to rearm. The U.S. Army was smaller than Portugal's. In almost every area of armament, America was far behind the armed forces of the Axis powers.

Then the world again flipped upside down. After Pearl Harbor, the United States engineered the greatest economic expansion in history. Within four years, the U.S. econo-

my was greater than that of all its enemies and allies put together.

The U.S. Navy had become larger than all the navies of the world combined by 1944. A once virtually unarmed America now had more military aircraft than Germany, Italy and Japan combined.

A war that in early 1942 looked like it might either go on for years or end in an Axis victory was over less than four years after the U.S. entered the conflict. The Axis powers were not so much defeated as ruined.

World War II was not the first instance of a rapid American turnaround in wartime. In the summer of 1864, pessimists warned that the North could not win the Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln faced opposition for the Republican Party nomination, and even if he earned it, he was considered likely to lose the November elec-

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Malag manu i adelantun ekonomia ni debi u hatsa suetdu empleau gi mismu tiempu? Kau kadu` `sino fostisu na ekonomia ma-anunsia ni tai pisu?

Lau mahatsa suetdu niha 80 pot sientu! Makatsu betsan niha ya ma-upus nesessidat mayotmenti na empleau gi mismu

tiempu. Malag manu promesan adelantun kualidat linala` para i tautau?

Klaru na siha mismu umisaguen maisa siha guine na asuntu. Lau ni unu libre ginen diskuidun maletki nesessidat empleau siha.

Dañkulu na pinadesi `nai mas ke lamita man-masasapet tinahuñ chigu`an para nesessidat familia! Fuetsau man-mapega guine na kondision pot diskuidun kabisiyun hegsu` I Deni`. Pat haf` mohon hinassun miyu?

Kuestion: Hafa che`chu` miyu para in` hatsa suetdu empleau taimanu `nai in` na`e hamyu 80 pot sientu na hatsada? Mañge enau na ayudu? Na ti parehu pinadesi gi kumahulu` gastun nesessidat? Ya i betsan miyu ha` in` hassu guine na biahe?

**Animu:** Fuetsau, tat ti umusune todur modun inaligau mantension familia desde gualu`, peskan tasi yan halum tanu` . Gi uttimun ha`ane oran konsiderasion haf` mas gi finattun chag-chag oga`an gi sigienti dia. Makat na chanda gi katkuet manera.

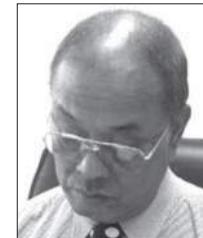
‘Nai ni para fahan pugas komprendiyun i pinadesi gi megai na familia guihé na mattiru. Man-asuñgun tautau-ta geftau na inana`e gi mas man-chatsaga. Konsidera pinadesin lamegai na natibu `an taigue kutturan gineftau yan yine`ase`.

**Mesklau Ira:** Desde iran guafe giya California `nai kimasoson `nos kuantus mit hektarias, linau yan dilibiu giya Indonesia, yan fotten uchan giya Japon matkan iran globus pot dos semana esta na tiempu.

Mansuette hit gi mapus yan pa`gu na semana `nai ha upus hit dos trosun uchan. Japon `nai tumunug ya manadan lugat ha ya-

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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mag kontodu sulun tanu` yan guma` gi fina hogsu` siha. Mas ke 50 mit na tautau man-mahospitat pot dilubiu.

In` hassu i sinparat na uchan guine gi 1979? Mas didog ayu na uchan i sumaulag iya Japon pot dos besis gi ma`pus yan pa`gu na semana. Lamegai man`-pininu` `nai linau iya Indonesia. Mit grasias gi Saina pot hana` fan libre hit ginen este na matklima.

**Mamokatyu`:** Pinadesin miserapble na pineble sumen makat. Hu tuñgu` sa` malofanyu` diariu guine na kañada pot la apmam na tiempu. Esta hu u`pus i lañget ginagau gi tinayuyot-hu na u lalibianu ha`anen mami.

Ayu na tiru` nai hu chagi kineman fafalun choda namaisa. ‘An sinetnan choda yan asiga guaha pues usune. Estague` na didog mattiru in` fana` antes gi tiempun ha`ilas. Makat hanum grifu para amotsan oga`an yan talo`ane, sigidu! Diberas.

Todu i tiempu i dibina taimanu `nai para u nahuñ i tropa `agun yan totchi. Mauleg yan `nos kuantus ha` na membron familia. Lau `nai mas ke dies pues mauleg na dibina un` fafana`. Estague` i saina `nai megai besis ha mattitgue` pot i tropa. Hu chagi huminagua latan satdinas para totcheg-hu pot tinahuñ `nai mapatte gi lamasan sena. Makat na sakrifisiu.

Gi todur mattiru i metgut na kutturan natibu gineftau ayudu yan yine`ase` sumusteni todur gi halum didog na mattirun ha`ilas. Ma-aksepta dibuenamenti haf` guaha.

**Guaha Mas:** Pinilog-hu na hamí ha` man-mamadedesi. Dispués `nai huli`e gi bisinu na ni siha taya` gi kusinan niha. Esta kumikilulug hinasog-hu guihé na pueñge gi famaguon bisinu ni man-deskansa sin neñkanu`.

Ayu na finaposhu puru tagfe`na na leksion haf` dipotsihe di-chu linala` popble. Ha hala halum sentimentog-hu gi tanu` himiddi yan yine`ase` gi prohimu-hu. Ha sediyu` sumeha para bai mas suanu manhassu yan amtau na disposition gi karera-hu.

Maseha felis dispues offisioghu ni unabes `nai malefayu` ni tinategihu. Todur i tiempu hana` humiddi-yu` i hagas chalan `nai malofanyu` antes. Chalan un` sumen popble na guma`. Mit grasias gi Saina pot ha pipet ham guihé siha na tadtuñ kañada.

## DROWNING

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tion to Union General George McClellan.

General Grant's Army of the Potomac was being bled white in Virginia in vain attempts to dislodge Robert E. Lee's defenders from their entrenchments around the Confederate capital of Richmond. Gruesome encounters such as the Battle of Cold Harbor and the Battle of the Wilderness had given the depressed Northern public nightmares.

Then, suddenly, fantasy became reality. The maverick Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman unexpectedly took Atlanta on Sept. 2, 1864. Euphoria swept the North. McClellan's sure-thing candidacy crashed.

The mercurial Sherman then headed off with his huge army on the famous “March to the Sea” through Georgia. He next plowed through the Carolinas to the rear of Lee's army in Virginia.

In less than nine months the entire Confederate cause collapsed. The supposedly endless Civil War ended with a sudden and absolute Union victory that no one had foreseen.

Pundits should be careful with their sure-thing predictions, especially in the matter of a powerful, unpredictable and explosive America. With the risk-taking and unconventional Trump, and the hysterical opposition to him, we are entering another unpredictable and volatile era in American history.

Radical and unexpected economic recovery can happen at home and abroad. Such fundamental change in the status quo can swing the November election—quickly and in unforeseen ways.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Self-interest bills and such

Almost two years ago, the notorious Public Law 19-83 stealthily became law. The bill was introduced by our illustrious House speaker, Ralph Demapan. In essence, it was a self-interest bill for elected leaders. The bitter ingredients of the bill included astronomical pay increase of 80 percent for them, with the paltry bread crumbs of 5 percent for low-paid civil service employees. The law is now under review by the court for its legality. Taxpayers' money, which is owned by the public, is very delicious.

Their justification for the insult of an increase is that the elected leaders' salaries have been stagnant for many years. Wow, the Legislature is now an employment agency.

The good speaker said the bill was introduced based on the recommendations of an advisory commission. Guess who were sitting in the panel—former and current legislators at the time. Interestingly, their data was gathered from the U.S. Congress and its territories and thereafter produced the salary recommendations. I wonder if the recommendations contained educational attainment because the U.S. legislators are composed of over 80 percent lawyers. Moreover, legislators from U.S. territories are mostly master degree holders and above and, of course, they do not grasp for words. Honorable speaker, it was only a *recommendation* from the panel, not a mandatory introduction on the floor.

Now that it is a law, it has stirred disgruntled controversies that are not in the best interest of the public. Perhaps, P.L. 19-83 should be repealed and a gradual increase bill that is acceptable to the public should be introduced.

Mr. Speaker, it was also you who introduced an exclusive casino bill upon arrival from your brief wine-and-dine trip for a bird's eye casino view operation in Macau. Let me remind you, the people whom you are supposed to represent rejected the casino referendum twice. You breached their trust. Fortunately, the casino presence boosted the CNMI economy. Second, you introduced a bill, now P.L. 19-83, right after election, assumingly, not even one week into the position. I wonder why the 80-percent salary increase was not in your re-election campaign agenda for the 19th Legislature. Perhaps, your idea to introduce the salary increase bill right after the election almost two years ago will give ample time for people to be oblivious this coming November.

**Ton Aguon**

Dandan, Saipan

## An open letter to the person/s who broke into my home

I had just moved my things into my home and had to go off island to help my 82-year-old mother move from her home where she had lived for 51 years. All of my belongings were still in boxes. You didn't have a key so you ripped open the screen and took the glass out and crawled in through the window.

I am guessing that you wanted to help me unpack, so you ripped open the boxes and threw my belongings on the floor. That wasn't quite the place I was planning to put them.

Anyway, you then decided to go through the things that were in the boxes and now on the floor. I am guessing that you thought you should get paid for helping me unpack so you decided to take two full face snorkels, a waffle maker, an electric pot to heat water, good kitchen knives, a woven basket from Africa as well as what was in the basket, and more.

Let me share with you about a couple of items you took.

The waffle maker has made hundreds of waffles for students, teachers, parents, and church members as well as others. The electric hot water pot has made hundreds and hundreds of cups of hot water for hot tea and hot chocolate for teachers, students, parents, and church members.

You may have taken these things but you didn't take the fond memories of sitting around sharing stories and talking and laughing and sometimes crying together.

The basket from Africa may not mean much to you so I will share where I got it. A student brought that basket from Africa to give me for helping her learn English because she wanted to show her appreciation for guiding her with her lessons.

I am guessing that you didn't feel that was enough pay so you decided to decorate my new home with pig poop. You decided it couldn't stay out in the fields or be used for fertilizer, you decided to decorate my blank walls with the pig poop.

Now, after returning from the mainland, I find where I am having to pick up after you and clean up after you and you still have taken items that don't belong to you that have memories attached.

I hope you will enjoy making and sharing waffles with family and friends and share a cup of hot tea or hot chocolate with children and adults alike. I hope you will enjoy the snorkel masks as much as I have.

Oh, by the way, be careful with the electric pot, it is getting old and sometimes it doesn't want to automatically turn off. Be careful because the water gets very hot.

**Randy Yates**

via email

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲ 87°	▼ 78°	▲ 87°	▼ 78°	▲ 87°	▼ 77°	▲ 87°	▼ 77°
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## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 9:43 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018

### WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

No significant changes were made to the forecast. There will still be some moisture around today into tonight then drying move in for Wednesday. Even more will move in for the weekend. With less moisture in the mid levels, removed thunder after tonight. Wind looks to become fairly light by Thursday. Swell will remain around 5 to 7 feet over the next few days which will keep surf 6 to 8 and possibly hit 9 feet. Based on early observations, extended the high surf advisory and high rip risk through the afternoon. Since then, observations have come down slightly. We will be close to the 9 foot threshold through midweek. Wind has decreased and will be gentle over the next few days.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA	▼ ▲ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms 85° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms 84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms 85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms 86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms 87° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms 87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms 86° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▼ ▲ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny 61° / 48°
Beijing	Sunny 90° / 75°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms 90° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy 87° / 77°
London	Mostly Cloudy 75° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny 92° / 73°
Manila	Thunderstorms 84° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy 59° / 52°
Miami	Partly Cloudy 87° / 79°
New York	Thunderstorms 88° / 74°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy 97° / 81°
Paris	Mostly Cloudy 81° / 64°
Busan	Partly Cloudy 90° / 79°
Rome	Mostly Sunny 93° / 73°
Salem	Partly Cloudy 91° / 72°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy 64° / 53°
Seoul	Thunderstorms 91° / 77°
Tokyo	Rain 84° / 79°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms 92° / 73°

**NMI CRIME STOPPERS**  
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:  

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
3:28 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.92
10:59 AM	LOW TIDE	0.26
6:06 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.76
11:09 PM	LOW TIDE	1.16

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:00 AM	6:44 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	2:20 AM	3:36 PM	-
Thursday	3:20 AM	4:39 PM	-
Friday	4:23 AM	5:40 PM	-
Saturday	5:28 AM	6:38 PM	-
Sunday	6:33 AM	7:32 PM	-

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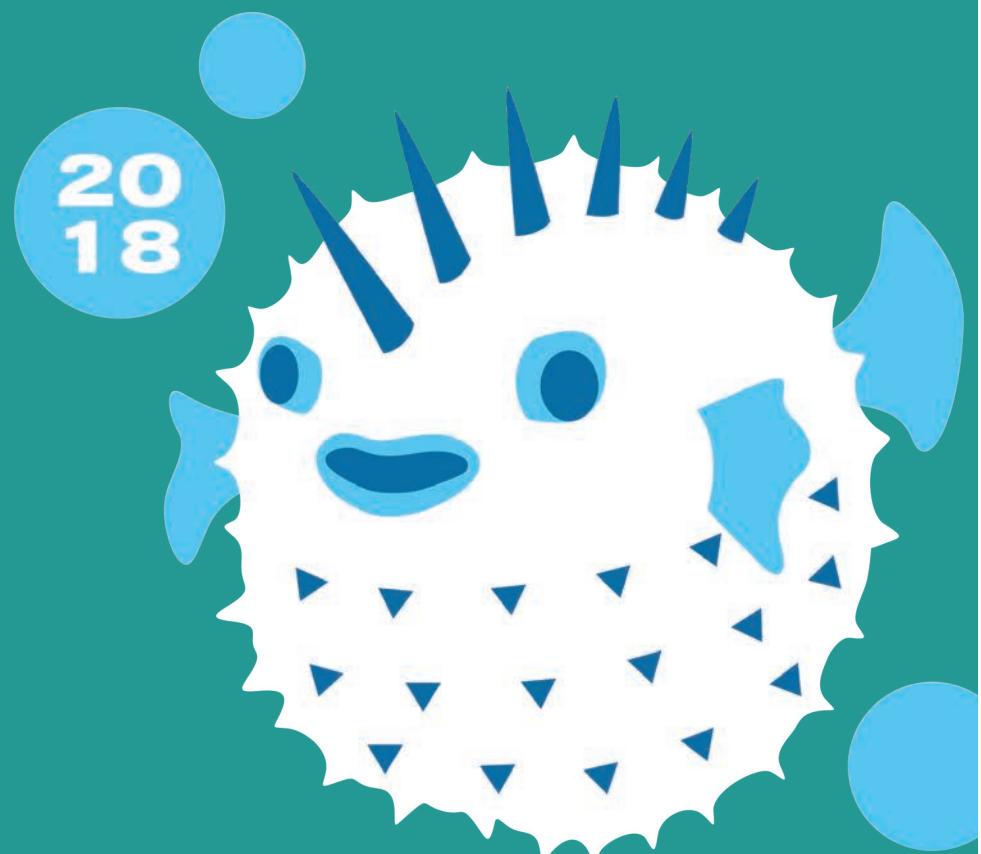
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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>				<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117 8:45am 9:30am Daily				UA117 7:00am 7:45am Daily			
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>				<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>			
7C3451 3:10am 6:10am 1, 7				7C3452 9:00pm 2:10am+1 4			
7C3451 4:00am 7:05am 4, 5				7C3452 9:05pm 2:10am+1 3, 6, 7			
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>				<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>			
TW308 2:00am 6:05am Daily				7C3402 9:30am 3:00pm Daily			
OZ626 2:10am 6:00am 1				OZ625 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7			
OZ626 2:50am 6:40am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7				TW307 7:45pm 1:00am+1 Daily			
LJ652 3:40am 7:30am 1, 4, 5, 7				OZ625 8:20pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6			
7C3403 4:45am 8:30am Daily				LJ651 9:10pm 2:40am+1 3, 4, 6, 7			
7C3401 4:00pm 7:45pm Daily				7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily			
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>				<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>			
3U8648 5:40am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7				3U8647 10:20pm 4:30am+1 3, 4, 6, 7			
<b>SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)</b>				<b>HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN</b>			
JD396 7:30am 12:00pm 1				JD395 8:25am 3:30pm 4			
JD396 4:50pm 10:00pm 4				JD395 9:55pm 5:00am+1 7			
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>				<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>			
3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6				3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5			
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>				<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>			
MU764 1:30am 6:35am 3, 5, 7				MU763 4:25pm 12:30am+1 2, 4, 6			
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>			
OZ626/701 2:10am 10:55am 1 via ICN				UA182/6395 12:40am 8:05am 3, 6 via GUM			
OZ626/70							

Join DCRM for this year's  
**INTERNATIONAL  
coastal  
CLEANUP**



**SATURDAY  
September 15, 2018**

Every year, the CNMI joins the world wide effort to fight ocean pollution by collecting and documenting the trash littering our coastlines and waterways. The Division of Coastal Resources Management would like to invite you to join this year's International Coastal Cleanup!

**SINCE 2016, THE CNMI HAS HAD 1,784 PARTICIPANTS,  
REMOVED 7,254 POUNDS OF TRASH,  
COVERED 138 MILES, AND COLLECTED 51,519 ITEMS.**

**TOP 3**

*organizations with the  
most weight collected  
will receive a prize!*

Contact Mallory Muña at [mmuna@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:mmuna@dcrm.gov.mp) or Colleen Flores at [cflores@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:cflores@dcrm.gov.mp), or visit DCRM for more information!

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# IPI, DLNR, Saipan agri group tie up for 35th Agri Fair



Imperial Pacific Corporate Social Responsibility representatives Jowel Naputi, Jia Kapileo, and Fuji Suel, among others, and CSR manager Alex Palacios, seated.

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Imperial Pacific CSR team member Kent Kalen ensures that all livestock entries are safely handled.

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Children enjoy the kids' carnival at the Agricultural Fair.

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For the last 35 years, the Saipan Agricultural Fair has become a significant aspect of the local culture, with activities that not only promotes fresh produce but also supports good nutrition and food sustainability.

This year, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC collaborated with the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association

and the Department of Lands and Natural Resource to stage the 35th Saipan Agricultural Fair over the weekend.

Imperial Pacific's Corporate Social Responsibility program assisted with the donation of banners, radio advertisement, portable livestock fence, children's carnival, and manpower for the staging and hauling of livestock. (PR)



Some of the locally grown fruits and vegetables.

A child participates in the mini carnival, which was set up by IPI-CSR.

Imperial Pacific CSR representative Jowel Naputi assist in the safe removal of livestock from its transport crate.



The annual event also showcases local livestock. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9911, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the CEO's Conference Room 3 located at the Administrative Offices (new wing).

CHCC Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. CHCC MSO Contract Processing Presentation
- V. Policy & Procedures per CMS Requirements
- VI. CHCC Audit of Financial Statement of 2016
- VII. Board of Legal Counsel
- VIII. Adjournment



## PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

### INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB18-COTA/FTA-128 (A-B)

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 04, 2018 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

### "SUPPLY, DELIVERY, & INSTALLATION OF INTERIOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERA/CCTV FOR TRANSIT VEHICLES (A) EIGHT (8) FOR VANS & (B) FOUR (4) FOR THE BUS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER  
**AUGUST 1, 2018** AT COTA, OFFICE OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA,  
NARU LOOP, SUSUPE, SAIPAN.

**ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA  
E-MAIL TO MR. JADE MANGUBAT AT [cota16assistant@gmail.com](mailto:cota16assistant@gmail.com) NO  
LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:30, LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 22,  
2018.**

THIS PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS, AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

"This notice is paid for with HUD funds by NMHC"

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, Aubry Hocog, wish to announce that the Program Year 2018 Annual Action Plan is available for the public's review and comments. The Action Plan encompasses applications for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (HESG) Programs in the Commonwealth. Comments may be directed to Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner, NMHC Central Office, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or by fax to (670) 234-9021. Deadline for the comment period is August 10, 2018, no later than 4:30 p.m.

The Plan is available for public review and inspection at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and at the respective NMHC Field Offices in Tinian and Rota during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for CNMI holidays. Individuals needing special accommodations to review and comment on the plan must contact Mr. Jacob Muna for arrangements by calling (670) 234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

/s/  
Zenie P. Mafnas  
Deputy Corporate Director

**"NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender, and employer."**



Nathan Denight, Guam Visitors Bureau president and chief executive officer, and Dee Hernandez, GVB Cultural Heritage officer, joins Michael Schnitger, Sodexo resident district manager, and Sodexo team members at the annual back-to-school training that included a pledge refresh for its 235 returning and new employees on Aug. 7, 2018.

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## Over 220 Sodexo employees renew Håfa Adai Pledge

More than 220 current and 85 new employees of Sodexo Food Services have renewed

their Håfa Adai Pledge and committed to sharing the *håfa adai* spirit at Sodexo Guam's

annual back-to-school training. Sodexo is present in 35 out of 42 of Guam's public

schools and about 99 percent of employees are locally hired and managed.

In the upcoming school year, the company expects to serve about four million

meals to school children.

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is a cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local community branding campaign. (PR)

**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation  
Office of the Executive Director**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
CUC-RFP-18-019

**Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of  
2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System**

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to supply, install, integrate and commission (including without limitation all design, engineering, supervision, installation, testing, commissioning, training and handover) of (2) two complete new engine systems. Proposers must note that replacement of Engine No. 8 is the base proposal while the replacement of Engine No. 4 is an additive proposal. Each replacement Diesel Generating Plant shall be within a capacity range of 8 - 13 MW which must be supplied, installed, tested, and commissioned as an integrated system at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks proposals from a legally recognized business entity authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which has as one or more of its equity owners (principals) a qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM), from which CUC intends to contract with to purchase one, and perhaps two, fully installed and commissioned turn-key engine systems that best fit CUC's power supply requirements. The Proposer must be authorized as OEM's agent to bind OEM to contractual terms including issuance of OEM's equipment warranty and certifying the installation of the works anticipated under this RFP meet OEM specifications, the Proposal, and meet or exceed all warranty requirements.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$500.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan on **July 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to the Power Plant facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-RFP-18-019 – Supply and Services for Installation & Commissioning of 2 X 8-13 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than August 23, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* equal to fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposed price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible Proposers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing Proposers.

All Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due in whole or in part to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under any anticipated contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Proposers are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable

Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including without limitation any and all excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page:

<https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

This RFP solicits services regulated by the Commonwealth's Board of Professional Licensing (BPL). All bidders shall possess Certificate of Authority from the BPL as contemplated in and required by NMIA ss 125-20.1-501 which provides in part that any corporation or partnership "Firm," whether organized under the Law of the CNMI or other jurisdiction, hereafter offering to engage or engaging in the practice of engineering, architecture, land surveying, or landscape architecture in the Commonwealth must have a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board. All firms must have a valid Certificate of Authorization before advertising to offer or offer professional engineering, architectural, land surveying, or landscape architectural services in the CNMI. All bids submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate of authority in the name of the OEM submitting the bid.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Christopher Timmons, Assistant Attorney General, via email address [christopher\\_timmons@cnmioag.org](mailto:christopher_timmons@cnmioag.org) and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE  
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLÁN, JR.  
Purchasing Administrator

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Secretary of Public Works**  
2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**DPW-18-IFB-020**

**KOBLERVILLE YOUTH LEARNING CENTER  
BUILDING EXPANSION**

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Koblerville Youth Learning Center Building Expansion**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 25, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 21, 2018 to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-18-IFB-020**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time August 27, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, August 27, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@cnmidof.net](mailto:procurement@cnmidof.net). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be posted marksmanship by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 27, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 5, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 7, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on August 27, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).**

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA  
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLÁN  
Director of Procurement & Supply

# Business

## Testing finds flaws with cars' electronic car safety systems

**DETROIT** (AP)—Cars and trucks with electronic driver assist systems may not see stopped vehicles and could even steer you into a crash if you're not paying attention, an insurance industry group warns.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, in a paper titled "Reality Check," issued the warning Tuesday after testing five of the systems from Tesla, Mercedes, BMW and Volvo on a track and public roads. The upshot is while they could save your life, the systems can fail under many circumstances.

"We have found situations where the vehicles under semi-automated control may do things that can put you and your passengers at risk, and so you really need to be on top of it to prevent that from happening," said David Zuby, the institute's chief research officer.

Among the scariest found by the Virginia-based institute was with the system in two Tesla vehicles, the Model S and Model 3. The institute tested the system with the adaptive cruise control turned

off, but automatic braking on. At 31 miles per hour, both Teslas braked and mitigated a crash but still hit a stationary balloon. They were the only two models that failed to stop in time during tests on a track.

Yet when the adaptive cruise control, which keeps a set distance from cars in front, is activated, the Teslas braked earlier and gentler and avoided the balloon, the agency said.

On the road, the institute's engineers found that all the vehicles but Tesla's Model 3 failed to respond to stopped vehicles ahead of them, the institute said.

The systems tested, in the Teslas, BMW's 5-Series, the Volvo S-90 and the Mercedes E-Class, are among the best in the business right now and have been rated "superior" in previous IIHS tests. Zuby said the systems do increase safety but the tests show they are not 100 percent reliable.

Many of the scenarios discovered by IIHS are covered in the vehicles' owner's manuals, which tell drivers they

have to pay attention. But Zuby said not many people read their owner's manuals in detail. Even though the systems have names like Tesla's "Autopilot" or Volvo's "Pilot Assist," they are not self-driving vehicles, Zuby said. "They will help you with some steering or speed control but you really better be paying attention because they don't always get it right," he said.

Many of the cars' lane-centering systems failed, especially on curves or hills. The BMW, Model S and Volvo "steered toward or across the lane line regularly," requiring driver intervention, the IIHS said.

The IIHS-affiliated Highway Loss Data Institute analyzed Tesla insurance losses to find that automatic braking and other crash avoidance features on the Model S were helpful in reducing property damage and bodily injury claims. But adding "Autopilot," which includes automatic steering and lane-changing, only helped to lower collision claims.

## Japanese use VR to recreate Hiroshima bombing

**FUKUYAMA, Japan** (AP)—It's a sunny summer morning in the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Cicadas chirp in the trees. A lone plane flies high overhead. Then a flash of light, followed by a loud blast. Buildings are flattened and smoke rises from crackling fires under a darkened sky.

Over two years, a group of Japanese high school students has been painstakingly producing a five-minute virtual reality experience that recreates the sights and sounds of Hiroshima before, during and after the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city 73 years ago Monday.

By transporting users back in time to the moment when a city was turned into a wasteland, the students and their teacher hope to ensure that something similar never happens again.

The Aug. 6, 1945, bombing of Hiroshima killed 140,000 people. Three days later, a second U.S. atomic bomb killed 70,000 people in Nagasaki. Japan surrendered six days after that, ending World War II.

"Even without language, once you see the images, you understand," said Mei Okada, one of the students working on the project at a technical high school in Fukuyama,



In Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, photo, Namio Matsura, 17-year-old member of the computation skill research club at the Fukuyama Technical High School, watches Hiroshima city before atomic bomb fell in virtual reality experience at the high school in Hiroshima, western Japan.

a city about 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of Hiroshima. "That is definitely one of the merits of this VR experience."

Wearing virtual reality headsets, users can take a walk along the Motoyasu River prior to the blast and see the businesses and buildings that once stood. They can enter the post office and the Shima Hospital courtyard, where the skeletal remains of a building now known as the Atomic Bomb Dome stand on the river's banks, a testament to what happened.

"When I was creating the buildings before the atomic bomb fell and after, I saw many photos of buildings that were gone. I really felt how scary atomic bombs can be," he said. "So while creating this scenery, I felt it was really important to share this with others."

# Nation

## Gates admits crimes with—and embezzlement from—Manafort

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.**

(AP)—The government's star witness in the financial fraud trial of Paul Manafort testified Monday that he embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from the former Trump campaign chairman—and told jurors that he and Manafort committed crimes together.

Rick Gates, described by witnesses as Manafort's "right-hand man," calmly related his criminal conduct as prosecutors looked to provide jurors with damning testimony from a co-conspirator they say carried out an elaborate offshore tax-evasion and fraud scheme on behalf of his former boss.

Gates, who is expected to continue testifying for several hours Tuesday, has been regarded as a crucial witness for the government ever

since he pleaded guilty this year to two felony charges and agreed to cooperate in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign.

The courtroom testimony brought Gates face-to-face with Manafort, his long-time boss and fellow Trump campaign aide, for the first time since his plea deal.

His testimony, given in short, clipped answers as Manafort rarely broke his gaze from the witness stand, follows that of vendors who detailed Manafort's luxurious spending and financial professionals who told jurors how the defendant hid millions of dollars in offshore accounts.

Gates told jurors that he siphoned off the money without Manafort's knowledge by filing false expense reports.

He also admitted to concealing millions of dollars in foreign bank accounts on Manafort's behalf and to falsifying documents to help his former boss obtain millions of dollars more in bank loans.

"We didn't report the income or the foreign bank accounts," Gates told jurors, noting that he knew he and Manafort were committing crimes each time.

Under questioning from prosecutors, Gates read off the names of more than a dozen shell companies he and Manafort set up in Cyprus, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the United Kingdom to stash the proceeds of Ukrainian political consulting work.

Asked whether the money in the accounts was Manafort's income, Gates said, "it was."

## New Mexico raid turns up kids in rags

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.**

(AP)—A raid on a New Mexico desert compound turned up 11 children wearing rags and living in filth, and also broke open a bizarre tale of guns, exorcism, and a search for a missing young boy who suffers from seizures and is nowhere to be found.

The boy's father was among five people arrested after the raid near the border with Colorado. Documents made public in a court filing Monday said the father told the boy's mother before fleeing Georgia that he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child because he believed he was possessed by the devil.

Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said deputies ar-

rested the father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, and four other adults on child abuse charges after finding the 11 children Friday inside a makeshift compound in the tiny community of Amalia. It was littered with "odorous trash" and lacking clean water, authorities said.

Inside, Wahhaj, 39, was found heavily armed with multiple firearms, including a loaded AR-15, before he was taken into custody, the sheriff said.

His son, Abdul-ghani, who was 3 when he disappeared last December, was not among the children found. But Hogrefe said authorities have reason to believe the boy was at the compound several weeks ago.

Hogrefe's deputies are searching for the child, along with the FBI and Georgia authorities in Clayton County, where officials say the boy was living before his father took him around Dec. 1, 2017.

The boy's mother told authorities the boy suffers from seizures, cannot walk because of severe medical issues, and requires constant attention.

She told police in December that Wahhaj had taken the boy for a trip to a park and never returned.

Clayton County police said in a missing persons bulletin that Wahhaj and his son were last seen Dec. 13 in Alabama, traveling with five other children and two adults.



### MAKING HISTORY

A truck passes by flames during the Ranch Fire in Clearlake Oaks, Calif., on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. Twin Northern California blazes fueled by dry vegetation and hot, windy weather grew Monday to become the largest wildfire in state history.

# Asia

## Man saved from large quake-flattened mosque in Lombok



A resident inspects a mosque damaged by an earthquake in North Lombok, Indonesia, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

**LADING-LADING, Indonesia** (AP)—Soldiers have pulled a man alive from the rubble of a large mosque flattened by an earthquake on the Indonesian island of Lombok, while thousands of homeless locals waited for aid Tuesday and stranded tourists camped at beaches and in the lobbies of damaged hotels.

The north of Lombok has been devastated by the magnitude 7.0 quake that struck Sunday night, damaging thousands of buildings and killing at least 98 people. Rescuers were still struggling to reach all of the affected areas and authorities expect the death toll to rise.

Disaster officials have not said how many people they believe are buried beneath the ruins of the Jabal Nur mosque but a rescue worker told The Associated Press that about 50 people were praying inside when it collapsed.

Video shot by a soldier shows rescuers shouting “Thank God” as a man is pulled from a space under the mosque’s flattened roof sometime on Monday and he staggers away from the ruins sup-

ported by soldiers.

“You’re safe, mister,” says one of the soldiers as emotion overcomes the man, clad in Islamic robes, and villagers crowd around him.

Disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said he hopes “a lot” of people can be saved from the mosque. Two people were rescued from the building Monday including a woman with a broken leg, said villager Supri Yono, and three were found dead.

“We’re forced to deal with broken bones in the traditional way at home because the hospital had to deal with hundreds of other injuries,” said Budhiawan, the head of Lading-Lading village.

Rescuers were using heavy duty cutting equipment on Tuesday to prize apart the tangled mound of debris.

Aid organizations, already on Lombok after it was hit a week earlier by a 6.4 quake that killed 16 people, said they were stepping up their humanitarian efforts.

Oxfam said more than 20,000 people were in temporary shelters and thousands more were camping out in the

## Malaysia: Indonesia returns seized yacht

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said Monday that Indonesia has handed over a yacht allegedly bought with money stolen from the multibillion-dollar looting of a state investment fund.

In a Facebook video, Mahathir thanked Indonesia’s government and President Joko Widodo for returning the \$250 million yacht, Equanimity, which was seized by Indonesia off Bali in February in cooperation with the U.S. FBI.

“We believe that this yacht belongs to the Malaysian government because it was bought with Malaysia’s money that was stolen,” Mahathir said, citing an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng said the yacht has set sail from the Indonesian island of Batam near Singapore and is expected to arrive in Malaysia’s Port Klang on Tuesday.

“At the end of the day, the yacht must be sold off” so that Malaysia can recover as much money as possible from it,



Source: AP  
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

open. It said clean drinking water was scarce because of a recent spell of extremely dry weather in Lombok.

Hundreds of tourists and workers were still struggling to get off three outlying resort islands where power was cut off and hotels and hostels were damaged.

British tourist Saffron Amis, stranded on Gili Trawangan island, said she spent a second night outdoors as aftershocks rattled the region.

“We slept in a bungalow until another quake hit us at midnight and then we moved to the beach,” she said.

At Lombok’s airport, dozens of tourists slept on the floor as they waited for flights off the island. Many hotels closed because of damage but some allowed travelers to camp in their lobbies.

“That was my first experience with the earthquake and it was really terrible,” said Lize Reert, a Belgian woman among the several thousand who fled Gili Trawangan. “It was a nightmare.”

Lim said.

The Justice Department, one of several foreign agencies investigating the alleged looting of the 1MDB fund by associates of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, had listed the yacht among the assets it could seize and sell to recover stolen funds.

Najib set up 1MDB when he took power in 2009 but it accumulated billions in debts. The 1MDB scandal led to his shocking electoral defeat in May and Najib is now facing charges.

# World

## Venezuela rallies Maduro supporters after the failed assassination attempt

### CARACAS, Venezuela

(AP)—Pro-government factions mobilized thousands of Venezuelans dressed in red—the color of the ruling socialist party—onto the streets of the capital on Monday in a bid to show the country remains united around President Nicolas Maduro after what the government described as a thwarted assassination attempt.

“This river of red,” Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza declared as the crowd waved flags and carried posters with Maduro’s image. “It could have been another red running through these streets.”

Authorities say they have now captured all those behind the attack using two drones armed with explosives. The names of those detained have not been released, but chief prosecutor Tarek William Saab said the six people arrested could face charges including treason, attempted homicide and

terrorism.

“They need to pay the penalty Venezuela’s law calls for,” Diosdado Cabello, a high-ranking socialist party leader, told the crowd of thousands. “There won’t be any more forgiveness.”

Public employees are required to attend such pro-government rallies to ensure a strong show of support. Yet, even as Venezuelan leaders sought to project a nation united behind Maduro, analysts warned the incident makes the already unpopular leader even more vulnerable as he struggles to reverse a crippling humanitarian and economic crisis considered worse than the Great Depression.

Diego Moya-Ocampos, a Venezuelan analyst with the London-based consulting firm IHS Markit, warned Saturday’s failed attack could be a sign that low-level insurgent groups that have in the past expressed their

frustration by throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at the National Guard during protests are now escalating to a more violent approach.

“This is a manifestation of institutions not being able to channel the political, economic and social crisis that Venezuela is going through,” he said.

Maduro was addressing hundreds of uniformed soldiers Saturday in a speech celebrating the 81st anniversary of the National Guard when an explosion pierced the air. Authorities say two drones, each packed with a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of C-4 plastic explosive, were aimed at the stage where Maduro, his wife and a slate of the nation’s highest-ranking government leaders were gathered.

The military managed to knock one of the drones off course electronically and the other craft crashed into an apartment building two blocks away.

## Mexico arrests 8 in killings at Juarez home

### MEXICO CITY

(AP)—Police in Mexico’s Ciudad Juarez have arrested eight people suspected in connection with the recent killing of 11 people at a home in the northern border city across from El Paso, Texas.

The Juarez city government said Monday in a statement that the eight suspects were arrested for drug crimes. But it added that they are believed to be implicated in the Aug. 3 killings.

Nearly 100 state security

agents were deployed to the border city after the mass killing to reinforce local security.

Authorities have previously speculated that the killings could have been the result of a dispute between criminal gangs.

## Watchdog says Australia lawmakers increasingly exploit race

### CANBERRA, Australia

(AP)—Australia’s racism watchdog said on Monday the country is experiencing a resurgence in lawmakers exploiting race to advance their political agendas and listed ethnic Chinese and Sudanese among the minorities who are suffering.

Tim Soutphommasane said in the final speech of his five-year tenure as race discrimination commissioner that as politicians take advantage of voter fears of some ethnic groups, sections of the Australian media are exploiting racism to earn revenue from racist audiences.

“I take no pleasure in saying this but, right now, it feels like there has never been a more exciting time to be a dog-whistling politician or race-baiting commentator in Australia,” Soutphommasane said at a Sydney university.

“Five years ago, I wouldn’t have said it was likely that we would see the resur-

gence of far-right politics. I wouldn’t have expected that the biggest threats to racial harmony would come from within our parliaments and from sections of our media. Yet here we are,” he added.

Conservative government Sen. Eric Abetz dismissed Soutphommasane’s speech as an example of him “pushing his ideology at the expense of good public policy.”

“His far-left victimhood narrative was never going to bring Australians together,” Abetz said in a statement.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull often describes Australia as the most successful multicultural society in the world. Half the population of 25 million people was born overseas or has at least one parent born in another country.

But public debate has heightened about the rate of population growth and how some ethnic groups are blending in.

The anti-Muslim, anti-im-

migration minor party One Nation won seats in Parliament at elections in 2016 for the first time in 20 years. Defections have already halved the party’s representation from four to two senators, but they remain influential.

The government, citing allegations of Russian interference in the last U.S. presidential election, passed sweeping national security legislation in June that bans covert foreign interference in domestic politics.

China protested the legislation and its ambassador to Australia, Cheng Jingye, said in June the strained diplomatic relationship between the two countries needed to move away from “bias and bigotry” and build trust.

Soutphommasane said on Monday that Chinese-Australians were being abused by fellow Australians and were reluctant to take part in public debate for fear they would be mistaken for Communist agents.

# Focus



By YANAN WANG  
Associated Press

In this photo taken Saturday, June 2, 2018, a man drives a tricycle past part of the slogans for "Patriotism and Love for the church, Glorifying God and serving human beings" outside a church near the city of Pingdingshan in central China's Henan province.

AP

**NANYANG, China** (AP)—The 62-year-old Chinese shopkeeper had waited nearly his entire adult life to see his dream of building a church come true—a brick house with a sunny courtyard and spacious hall with room for 200 believers.

But in March, about a dozen police officers and local officials suddenly showed up at the church on his property and made the frightened congregants disperse. They ordered that the cross, a painting of the Last Supper and Bible verse calligraphy be taken down. And they demanded that all services stop until each person along with the church itself was registered with the government, said the shopkeeper, Guo, who gave his last name only from fear of retribution.

Without warning, Guo and his neighbors in China's Christian heartland province of Henan had found themselves on the front lines of an ambitious new effort by the officially atheist ruling Communist Party to dictate—and in some cases displace—the practice of faith in the country.

Under President Xi Jinping, China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, believers are seeing their freedoms shrink dramatically even as the country undergoes a religious revival. Experts and activists say that as he consolidates his power, Xi is waging the most severe systematic suppression

of Christianity in the country since religious freedom was written into the Chinese constitution in 1982.

The crackdown on Christianity is part of a broader push by Xi to "Sinicize" all the nation's religions by infusing them with "Chinese characteristics" such as loyalty to the Communist Party. Over the last several months, local governments across the country have shut down hundreds of private Christian "house churches." A statement last week from 47 in Beijing alone said they had faced "unprecedented" harassment since February.

A dozen Chinese Protestants interviewed by the Associated Press described gatherings that were raided, interrogations and surveillance, and one pastor said hundreds of his congregants were questioned individually about their faith. Like Guo, the majority requested that their names be partly or fully withheld because they feared punishment from authorities.

"Chinese leaders have always been suspicious of the political challenge or threat that Christianity poses to the Communist regime," said Xi Lian, a scholar of Christianity in China at Duke University. "Under Xi, this fear of Western infiltration has intensified and gained a prominence that we haven't seen for a long time."

Officials once largely tolerated the unregistered Protestant house churches that sprang up independent of the official Christian Council, clamping down on some while allowing others to grow. But this year they have taken a tougher approach that relies partly on "thought reform"—a phrase for political indoctrination. Last November, Christian residents of a rural township in southeast Jiangxi province were persuaded to replace posters of the cross and Jesus Christ inside their homes with portraits of Xi, a local official said.

"Through our thought reform, they've voluntarily done it," Qi Yan, a member of the township party committee, told the AP by phone. "The move is aimed at Christian families in poverty, and we

educated them to believe in science and not in superstition, making them believe in the party."

The poster campaign appears to symbolize what analysts see as the underlying force driving the change in the party's approach to religion: the ascendancy of Xi.

"Xi is a closet Maoist—he is very anxious about thought control," said Willy Lam, a Chinese politics expert at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. "He definitely does not want people to be faithful members of the church, because then people would profess their allegiance to the church rather than to the party, or more exactly, to Xi himself."

Various state and local officials declined repeated requests to comment. But in 2016, Xi explicitly warned

against the perceived foreign threats tied to faith, telling a religion conference: "We must resolutely guard against overseas infiltrations via religious means."

Those who resist pay the price. After Jin Mingri, a prominent pastor who leads Zion Church in Beijing, refused local authorities' request to install surveillance cameras inside his house church, police individually questioned hundreds of members of the 1,500-person congregation, he said. The congregants faced veiled threats, Jin said, and many were asked to sign a pledge promising to leave Zion, which the government agents called illegal, politically incorrect and a cult.

Even Protestant churches already registered with the state have not been spared greater restrictions. When reporters visited five such churches in Henan this June, all bore notices at their entrances stating that minors and party members were not allowed inside. A banner above one church door exhorted members to "implement the basic direction of the party's religious work." Another church erected a Chinese flag at the foot of its steps.

"A lot of our flock are terrified by the pressure that the government is putting on them," he said. "It's painful to think that in our own country's capital, we must pay so dearly just to practice our faith."

In Zhengzhou, Henan's capital, all that is left of one house church is shattered glass, tangled wires and torn hymnbooks, strewn among the rubble of a knocked-down wall. Pegged to another wall is a single wooden cross, still intact.

The church inside a commercial building had served

about 100 believers for years. But in late January, nearly 60 officials from the local religion department and police station appeared without warning. Armed with electric saws, they demolished the church, confiscated Bibles and computers and held a handful of young worshippers—including a 14-year-old girl—at a police station for more than 10 hours, according to a church leader.

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Guo's brick house was largely deserted this summer. Around the door frame, tattered red outlines remained of a scroll that once read "God's love is as deep as the sea."

Inside, Guo has refused to remove the cross and other decorations, telling authorities they are within his private property.

Among them, pinned to a wall in the nave, is a bright blue poster that quotes China's constitutional promise of religious freedom.



In this photo taken Monday, June 4, 2018, a painting of the Last Supper is seen next to posters quoting China's constitution on religious freedom in a house church shut down by authorities near the city of Nanyang in central China's Henan province.

AP

# Good Housekeeping

## Don't let your home's infrastructure crumble

By DEBBIE CARLSON  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

It's no secret that U.S. infrastructure is crumbling, but is your home's infrastructure in good shape?

Maintaining key features that

make a home livable will save money down the road and may even fall under critical life-safety issues. These home maintenance checkups aren't sexy or fun, but they are necessary to keep a house in top shape.

While everything in a house

eventually needs to be replaced, home experts flagged their top three infrastructure areas to maintain.

The home's structure. A home's roof, foundation and frame are equally critical to a livable home. Pat Knight,

training, licensing and inspection support manager of WIN Home Inspection, a national home inspection franchise, said to keep an eye on the roof as the seasons change, making sure the surface is free from debris and there is no damage. Get gutters cleaned, and make sure they're draining properly away from the home. Fall is a good time to get your gutters cleaned.

Checking the roof can be as simple as using a pair of binoculars from the yard, or it could mean hiring a company to inspect for potential damage up close.

"Deferred maintenance can drastically reduce the life expectancy of the roof, and replacement is expensive," he said.

Keep an eye on the home's bottom too. Angie Hicks, founder of Angie's List, a home services directory, says the fall season is a great time to check the home's foundation.

"If there's too much water—or too little—it will become the No. 1 cause for giving your foundation a shakeup," she said.

It can be difficult to get the moisture content right consistently, so Hicks gave a few tips. Ensure proper drainage away from the structure's

surface, which can otherwise compromise the foundation's integrity. Subsurface or French drains can help in regions where too little moisture is an issue, as can a strategic sprinkler system that prevents extreme drying/shrinking of the surrounding soil.

While looking at the foundation, look out for insects like carpenter ants or termites, especially in homes with wooden frames, said Beverley Kruskol, owner of M.Y. Pacific Building,

a general contractor who has worked with high-end renovations, including for Mario Batali's restaurants in Los Angeles.

## How much it costs to sell a house

By BRIDGET SIELICKI  
BANKRATE.COM

A shortage of homes for sale in the U.S. gives sellers the advantage in most housing markets. But many sellers don't realize that getting rid of their house likely will cost them thousands of dollars.

Real estate commissions and other fees can eat up about 10 percent of the sale price of the home. Some expenses are negotiable and fluctuate with the real estate market. But sellers should expect to pay part of the costs in the transaction and avoid sticker shock at closing time.

Here are the major costs of selling a house.

### REALTOR'S COMMISSION

The real estate commission is usually the biggest fee a seller pays—5 percent to 6 percent of the sale price. So, if you sell your house for \$250,000, you could end up paying \$15,000 in commissions. The commission is split between the seller's real estate agent and the buyer's agent.

Many homeowners try to avoid these high fees by offering their home as for-sale-by-owner (FSBO). If you do that, be prepared to assume the duties of a real estate agent, including showing the place to prospective buyers, negotiating, hiring a lawyer to draw up the contract, and taking care of the transfer of title.

### HOME REPAIRS

If you're thinking about selling your home, it's likely there are a few things you could do to enhance the appeal of your place and maybe raise its value. If you've been putting

off sprucing up the exterior of your property, painting the inside, repairing a staircase or a leaky faucet, now's the time to make those changes.

Also, if the buyer's home inspector finds problems, such as a leaky roof or bad plumbing, you might have to pay to fix those, as well.

Big repairs can set you back financially, so be prepared for them before you decide to sell, especially if you expect a problem with your home passing inspection.

### STAGING THE HOME

Buyers like to have a clear picture of what the house could look like after they move in. Hiring a professional to stage your home might pay off. Stagers do what's necessary to enhance a home's best features, downplay its worst features and help prospective buyers imagine themselves living there. They rearrange furniture and accessories, declutter and depersonalize the home. They may even repurpose a room in a way you never would have imagined.

The cost of a professional stager varies according to the size of the home, the extent of the work, the length of time the house is on the market and other factors. Expect to spend several hundred dollars, at minimum, and possibly thousands if you need a professional stager.

### KEEPING THE WATER AND AC ON

If you plan to move out before you sell your home, you'll want to continue to pay for water and electricity. A home without air conditioning/heat

and lighting can be very difficult to show to buyers.

Your current bills will give you an idea how much it will cost each month to leave on the utilities until a new buyer takes over.

### MORTGAGE PAYOFF

The proceeds of your home sale will be used to pay off your mortgage, but it's likely that the payoff amount on your mortgage statement is a little less than what you actually owe.

You'll likely have to add prorated interest you've accrued to the total balance. Additionally, your lender may penalize you if you have a pre-payment penalty associated with your mortgage.

Selling one house and buying another? Use our calculator to determine how much house you can afford.

### CLOSING COSTS AND ADDITIONAL FEES

While the closing costs to sell a house are typically the responsibility of the buyer, don't be surprised if you are asked to foot the bill, especially if you are trying to sell your home in a buyer's market (one which has a lot of homes for sale).

Some of these costs may include homeowners association fees, property taxes, attorney fees, transfer taxes and title insurance. You also may be asked to pay an escrow fee, a brokerage fee and a courier fee. Altogether, closing costs can range from 2 to 4 percent of the selling price.

Many of these fees are negotiable, and it's unlikely that a seller will be responsible for all of these. Still, it helps to be prepared.

### COMFORT FOOD

## Blueberries in Orange Cream

By HEALTHY EXCHANGES

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A creamy treat that will pump-up your calcium and uses blueberries loaded with antioxidants.

1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries  
1 (4-serving) package Jell-O sugar-free instant vanilla

pudding mix  
2/3 cup Carnation Nonfat Dry Milk Powder  
1 cup unsweetened orange juice  
1/2 cup Land O Lakes no-fat sour cream

2. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and orange juice. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in sour cream.  
3. Spoon about 1/2 cup orange sauce over fruit in each dish. Garnish each with 1 teaspoon of reserved blueberries. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Serves 4.

We, the family of the late

**+Maria Basa Sablan**

Lovingly known as "Lia/Nang Lia"

give our praise to God and rejoice that our loved one now rests in the love and peace of his embrace.

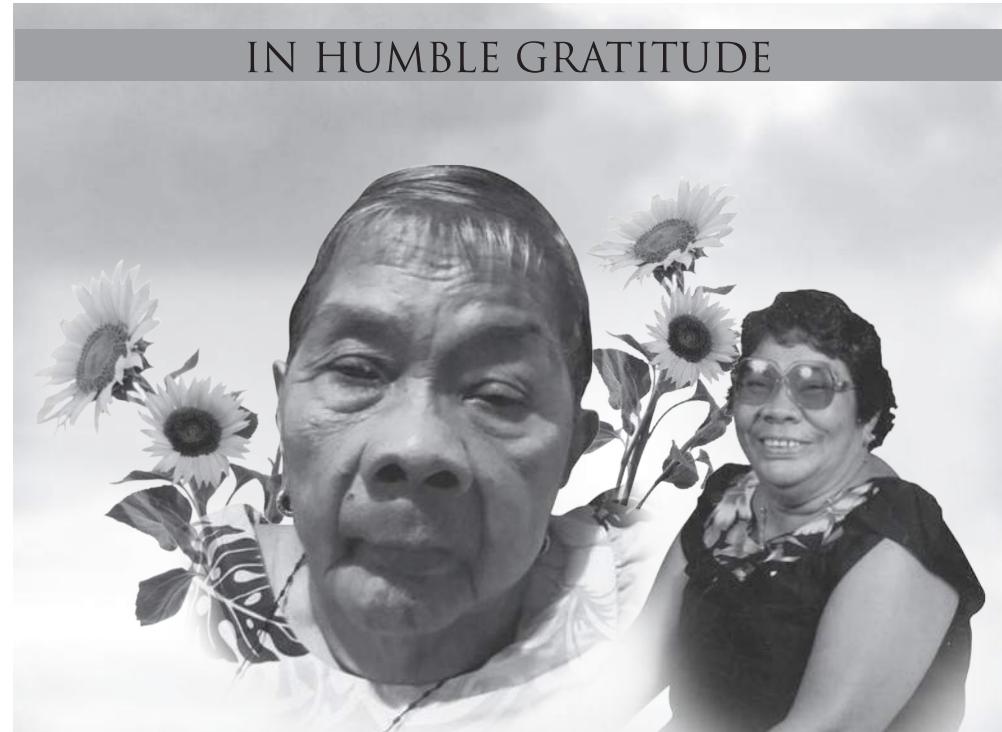
We wish to extend our deepest and warmest appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you have shown us during our greatest time of sorrow. Your thoughtful prayers, comforting words, unending support and other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts and lessen our pain. We would like to acknowledge and cherish the time you devoted to us. Your kindness has touched us, and we will forever remember you.

To Pale Allan Cabatian, St. Jude Thaddaeus Choir, Borja Funeral Home and countless others, we can't thank you enough for your generosity to us during this painful time.

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*Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase & Ghillison.*

The Children (12), Grandchildren (39), Great grandchildren (74) and Great, great grandchildren (8)



# Life & Style

## Woman helps man short on cash, finds out he's Keith Urban

**MEDFORD, N.J.** (AP)—A New Jersey woman who thought she was helping a down-and-out man pay for his gas station food ended up footing the bill for country music star Keith Urban.

Ruth Reed says she met

Urban at a Medford Wawa ahead of his concert Friday night in Camden.

Substitute teacher Reed says she had made a resolution to help Wawa customers and jumped at the chance when the man ahead of her

was short a few dollars.

Reed says he thanked her and said his name was Keith. When she remarked that he looked like Keith Urban, he said he was.

Not believing him, Reed asked his body guard to confirm she was talking to the musician.

She says, "It was then I realized what an idiot I was."



In this Aug. 2, 2018 file photo, Keith Urban performs on NBC's "Today" show in New York. AP

### Former NFL player behind new CW high school football drama

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Former NFL player Spencer Paysinger is drawing on his high school days living between two worlds for his first major Hollywood project.

Paysinger grew up in economically depressed South Los Angeles, but he attended Beverly Hills High School, where he captained the football team in the wealthy enclave. The culture shock he experienced is the basis for "All American," debuting Oct. 10 on the CW.

"I definitely had a gang influence with friends and family growing up in South Central, and people might think that Beverly Hills definitely shielded me from some problems. But in actuality, it only opened up a whole new can of worms," Paysinger told a TV critics' meeting on Monday.

"Just dealing with kids with affluence, kids with drug problems and having their parents not be there for weeks on end because they're vacationing or they're doing big business. Just dealing with that contrast was probably the biggest thing that I had to go through."

Paysinger commuted daily to high school as part of a program that brought students from other areas to Beverly Hills, where he had two uncles.

### 8th graders can see R-rated 'Eighth Grade' free this week

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Actual 8th graders will be able to see the R-rated coming-of-age movie "Eighth Grade" in select movie theaters across the nation Wednesday.

The film's distributor A24 says Monday that it's hosting a night of free screenings in every state on August 8 and waiving the R-rating to allow kids of all ages to experience the film. There is at least one participating theater in each state.

The film from director Bo Burnham follows a shy 13-year-old girl in her last week of middle school and has been widely praised for its authentic depiction of being a young teenager in the

and an aunt who coached and taught there.

Spencer eventually attended the University of Oregon and won a Super Bowl title with the New York Giants, one of four NFL teams he played for before achieving his goal of retiring from the league no later than age 30.

The series shoots in some of Paysinger's old haunts in South L.A., like a local park and the barbershop he has patronized since he was a kid.

"South Central's been portrayed so many different ways in the media for however long," Paysinger said. "But with this show, I definitely want to implant that family aspect of the community."

Producers hired a consulting firm that designs all of the football plays in the show, and consulting producer Paysinger wants to make sure the action is authentic.

"I don't want friends, I don't want family texting, emailing me saying, 'That's not it. They couldn't have converted on that,'" he said.

Paysinger isn't the only one with pro sports ties involved in the show. One of the writers is Jon Alston, who played five years in the NFL, and retired Major League Soccer player Robbie Rogers is a producer.

### LeBron James adds Showtime doc to his small-screen portfolio

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—LeBron James has yet to play a minute for the Los Angeles Lakers, yet the NBA superstar is already busy in Hollywood.

James is behind the three-part documentary series, "Shut Up and Dribble," announced Monday by Showtime.

Set to debut in October, the same month James suits up for his new team, the series looks at the changing role of athletes in the current political and cultural climate against the backdrop of the NBA.

Its title comes from a comment Fox News host Laura Ingraham made to James in February when she sought to rebuke him for talking politics during an interview.

James is the executive producer of the series along with his business partner Maverick Carter and his agent Rich Paul. Gotham Chopra, who directed Showtime's "Kobe Bryant's Muse" in 2015, helmed the project.

The series traces the modern history of the league and its players starting with the 1976 merger of the freewheel-

ing American Basketball Association and the National Basketball Association, how the top players have expanded their notoriety off the court in fields such as business and fashion while becoming icons in the process.

James has another show, "The Shop" debuting Aug. 28 on HBO in which he leads conversation and debate among his guests in barbershops around the country.

James found himself drawn into politics last week when President Donald Trump unleashed a withering attack on him in a tweet after an interview aired with CNN anchor Don Lemon in which he deemed Trump divisive.

Although James has long been a Trump critic, calling the president "U bum" in a 2017 tweet, the tweet was Trump's first attack on the player, who just opened up a school for underprivileged children in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

"Lebron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon," Trump posted. "He made Lebron look smart, which isn't easy to do."

### Michelle Obama announces week of action to sign up voters

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Michelle Obama is marking the 53rd anniversary of the Voting Rights Act by urging Americans to participate in a week of action to get people signed up to vote.

The former first lady, a co-chairwoman of a nonpartisan organization to encourage voting, announced Monday that the When We All Vote Week of Action will be held Sept. 22-29.

She said members of When We All Vote will be traveling the country to register voters and get them excited about the November midterm elections, when Democrats hope to capitalize on a wave of anger against President Donald Trump and take back control of Congress from the Republicans.

"With so much at stake in our country, sitting on the sidelines isn't an option," Mrs. Obama said in an email to supporters.

Flagship events will be held in at least 12 cities, including

### Lance Bass tried to buy home featured in 'Brady Bunch'



In this Dec. 1, 2017, file photo, Lance Bass arrives at Jingle Ball at The Forum in Inglewood, Calif. AP

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lance Bass thought he had bought the home featured in the opening and closing scenes of "The Brady Bunch." He even invited Maureen McCormick, who played Marcia in the sitcom, over for dinner.

But the 'N Sync singer posted Saturday on Instagram that the deal fell through. Bass wrote he was "heartbroken" to learn a corporate buyer wants the house "at any cost."

Realtor Ernie Carswell

tells the Los Angeles Times for a story published Sunday that the property, which was listed for \$1.885 million, received eight offers, which came down to two bids. He declined to identify the potential buyers and says the sale is expected to close in about 10 days.

The two-bedroom, three-bathroom split-level home in the Studio City neighborhood of Los Angeles was purchased in 1973 for \$61,000.

# Pink in Sydney hospital with stomach virus, cancels 3rd show

**SYDNEY** (AP)—Pop superstar Pink remained in a hospital on Tuesday with a stomach

virus, forcing her to postpone a third Sydney show, her promoter said.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Rosie O'Donnell, Broadway stars, protest outside White House

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Rosie O'Donnell and cast members from some of Broadway's biggest musicals have led a sing-along protest against President Donald Trump outside the White House. O'Donnell spoke to protesters, some clutching signs with the word "Treason" spelled out, before the group broke into a rendition of "America the Beautiful" on Monday night. The actress told the crowd it was important to make sure their voices were heard so that Trump would know that they were not going away. The group also sang a rousing version of "A Brand New Day" from "The Wiz." The trip was organized by Seth Rudetsky and James Wesley, the host and producer of Sirius XM's "On Broadway." The performers included current and former Broadway cast members from "Wicked," "Hamilton," "Phantom of the Opera" and other shows.

### Skylar Astin joins final season of 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend'

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Skylar Astin is joining the fourth and final season of "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" this fall playing a character familiar to viewers of the CW show. Astin takes over the role of Greg, originally played by Santino Fontana in the show's first season. Fontana decided not to return in order to pursue other opportunities. Astin attended New York University

with show star and executive producer Rachel Bloom. She plays Rebecca Bunch and was involved in a love triangle with Greg and her childhood sweetheart Josh Chan. Bloom says her character won't ignore the fact that Greg is played by a different actor. Astin is known for the "Pitch Perfect" movies. Bloom says "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" was never planned to last beyond four seasons, and she's known how it will end since the show was conceived.

### Showtime series 'Homeland' to end in 2019 with season 8

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—Showtime says that its acclaimed series "Homeland" will end in 2019 with its eighth season. The show's conclusion was announced Monday by Showtime Networks chief David Nevins, who called the Emmy-winning "Homeland" a game-changer for the premium cable channel. Nevins told a TV critics' meeting that creator-producer Alex Gansa will bring the national security drama to what he called its "proper conclusion." In a statement, Gansa said he was sad to see the series end but said that it's time. Claire Danes stars in "Homeland," which has taken her bipolar, now former CIA agent Carrie through dangerous conflicts that sometimes mirrored real-world events. Last season, Carrie struggled to uncover an international conspiracy trying to harm America's democratic institutions. The final season of "Homeland" will debut in June 2019.



In this Jan. 28, 2018, file photo, Pink performs "Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken" at the 60th annual Grammy Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York. AP

was readmitted and diagnosed with a gastric virus hours before her Monday concert.

Live Nation said Tuesday that Tuesday night's show would not go ahead based on medical advice.

"Pink remained in hospital overnight, continuing her treatment and recovery. She will be reassessed by her doctors today," Live Nation said in a statement.

The three canceled shows are expected to be rescheduled.

Pink's Australian tour is scheduled from July 4 to Aug. 26.

Pink last toured Australia in 2013 when she performed 46 shows as part of her "Truth About Love" world tour.

The singer's "Beautiful Trauma" world tour's first concert in Sydney was scheduled for last Friday, but she canceled

that show on doctor's orders.

The 38-year-old battled through a Saturday night show.

Promoter Live Nation

tweeted that Pink was admitted to a hospital on Sunday suffering from dehydration and was discharged. But she

## Beyoncé reveals she had emergency C-section with twins

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Beyoncé reveals she had an emergency cesarean section when she delivered her twins.

The singer, in a series of essays in September's Vogue magazine, says she was 218

pounds and was swollen from toxemia. The 36-year-old says the twins spent many weeks in intensive care and her husband, Jay-Z, was "a strong support system."

She says she put pressure

on herself to lose weight in the three months after the birth of her first child. But after the twins, she approached things differently.

Beyoncé says she has a "little mommy pouch" and she's

in no rush to get rid of it.

She says it's important for her to help open doors for younger artists. Her photo is the first Vogue cover to be shot by an African-American photographer.

## Source: Demi Lovato released from hospital

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Demi Lovato has checked out of the hospital she was rushed to two weeks ago for a reported overdose.

A person close to Lovato said she was released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles over the weekend. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person wasn't allowed to speak publicly about the topic.

Lovato was hospitalized on July 24.

The 25-year-old broke her silence Sunday with a lengthy Instagram post, saying she remains committed to overcoming addiction.

"I have always been transparent about my journey with addiction. What I've learned is that this illness is not something that disappears or fades with time. It is something I must continue to overcome and

have not done yet," she wrote. "I now need time to heal and focus on my sobriety and road to recovery. The love you have all shown me will never be forgotten and I look forward to the day where I can say I came out on the other side."

Lovato thanked God, her fans, family, team and hospital staff in the post. She closed with: "I will keep fighting."

The singer-actress, who hits

and "Skyscraper," has spoken about her struggles with an eating disorder, self-mutilation, drugs and alcohol. She celebrated six years of sobriety in March but recently relapsed, revealing the news in the song "Sober," released in June.

She has received support from fellow entertainers since she was hospitalized, including Bruno Mars, Ariana Grande, Ellen DeGeneres, Lady Gaga and Justin Timberlake.

## Baby in the buff causes grandma some concern

**D**EAR ABBY: My daughter "Scarlet" has a precious 18-month-old baby girl I'll call Sierra. Scarlet, her husband and the baby spend a lot of time at their beach house, where they have several full-time employees, including a nanny, housekeeper, cook and gardener. These employees have been at the house for years and are practically part of our family. The problem is, my daughter and her husband allow Sierra to walk around the house and beachfront naked throughout the day.

I have told Scarlet on several occasions that I don't feel comfortable with Sierra being exposed like that around the employees. A naked toddler might make them feel awkward, plus a child should be raised to understand that her private parts are just that—private—and not for anybody outside of her immediate family to look at.

Additionally, from a sanitary perspective, Sierra sits down on dirty, potentially bacteria-infested places such as kitchen tiles, grass and beach sand, which could cause infections. My daughter calls me old-fashioned and tells me not to worry. What do you think?

MORE MODEST IN NEVADA

**DEAR MORE MODEST:** I seriously doubt that anyone is going to be embarrassed by the sight of a naked toddler. I know

you are well-meaning, and your points may be valid, but frankly, I think you should let your daughter raise her daughter.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 61 and a recent widower. I befriended a new co-worker, a woman who is single and 41. We started going out socially, and I was getting back into life.

I just found out she and my 24-year-old son have been dating for the last four months. Neither one mentioned anything about it to me. They were sneaking behind my back, and she continued to do things with me. When I realized what was going on, I confronted her and told her I felt taken advantage of and deceived. I stopped speaking with her after that.

Am I wrong to feel this way? Her relationship has come between my son and me. And yes, I realize it takes two to tango.

IT TAKES TWO IN THE EAST

**DEAR IT TAKES TWO:** Your son and your co-worker should have been upfront with you. That neither one was shows a lack of character. However, there is an upside to this. You now realize you are ready to go on living after the death of your wife. Get involved in community activities; go on some dating sites and you will meet someone better suited than your co-worker. What happened with her is yet another unfortunate example of what can go wrong in an office romance.

## DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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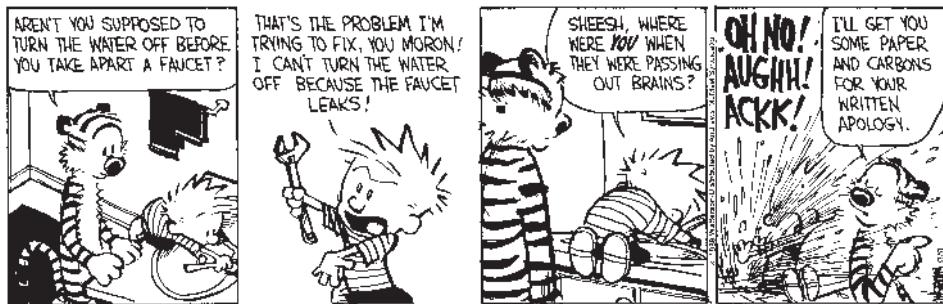
NEEDS TO KNOW IN GEORGIA

**DEAR NEEDS:** The time to send a sympathy card is when you receive the sad news.

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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



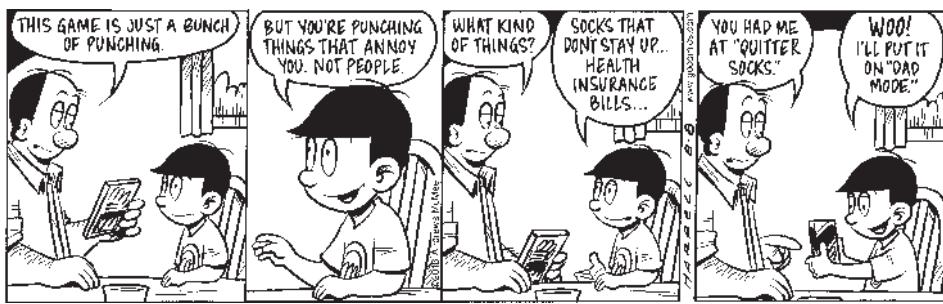
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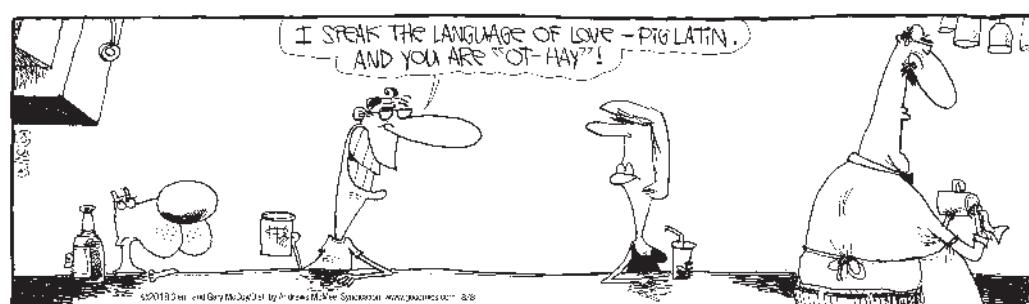
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## Adam@home



By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Exhaust	54 Auction	57 Requests	32 Fake names
17 Guessers' words	55 Indivisible	58 Actor Beatty	34 Placed a bet
18 Episodic TV show	56 Small plateau	59 — and crafts	37 Hill dweller
19 Brings out	50 Meadow	10 Church section	39 Calendar row
21 Muumuu accessory	51 Discuss	11 New Mexico	42 Rockies range
22 Poses	52 Discuss	resort	44 Bakery lure
23 QB's goals	54 Auction	1 Warner —	45 "Frozen" snow
26 "CSI" find	55 Indivisible	16 Garden intruder	queen
28 Maestro Zubin —	56 Small	2 Roof overhang	46 Global septet
31 "Funny!"	57 Requests	20 Pep	48 Say it's so
33 Showbiz job	58 Actor Beatty	Solution time: 23 mins.	49 Try out
35 Castle	59 — and crafts		50 Historic times
36 Deadly virus	10 Church section		53 Chemical suffix
38 Gullet	11 New Mexico		
40 Pod dweller	resort		

Yesterday's answer 8-8

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Casey Cott, 26; Countess Vaughn, 40; Joely Collins, 46; Dustin Hoffman, 81.

**Happy Birthday:** Check out every option before you decide to make an important decision this year. A reminder to stay within your budget and to only do what's necessary will help you accumulate more and stabilize your financial reputation. The end result will be solid gains as you head into next year. Smart thinking and maneuvers are the keys to your success. Your numbers are 2, 12, 21, 27, 33, 36, 48.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Get your feelings out in the open. If you refuse to discuss matters, you won't solve anything. Have a solution in mind and you will make progress. Helping someone out will end up being of great value to you as well. ★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Surround yourself with friends and allies. Whether in a work, family or group situation, find out how everyone else feels before you share your opinion. Sharing too much information will leave you in a vulnerable position. ★★★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Listen to your heart and your head, not what someone else tells you. You are the best person to rely on when faced with responsibility. An energetic approach to life, work and love will pay off. ★★★

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Emotions will rise to the surface, causing relationship problems with loved ones or co-workers. Be careful not to back yourself into a corner. Share as little personal information as possible. Listen to complaints before airing your own. ★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for solutions before you engage in a discussion regarding how to deal with taxing situations. Keeping the peace without giving in to someone's unrealistic demands will be tricky but doable. Patience is required. ★★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share your feelings with someone you feel may be limiting you from reaching your goals. An open discussion will clear the air and help you convince someone to support you. Travel and business meetings are favored. ★★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Respect elders or those with more experience, but don't feel obligated to give up on your dreams to accommodate unrealistic demands. Pace yourself; you will accomplish your goals. Personal improvements and romance are on the rise. ★★

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look for alternative solutions if you face adversity. Keeping the peace will be in your best interest. Concentrate on the projects you enjoy the most to make headway. An emotional family situation needs immediate and responsible action. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communication should be honest. Exaggeration will lead to trouble and a poor reputation. Keep your financial and medical information private. Don't leave personal business incomplete. A romantic encounter with someone from your past or a co-worker will be tempting but complicated. ★★★

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Learn from the best and take the information, skills and experience you gain and give them your own unique twist. There is money to be made using your talents. Romance will bring you closer to someone special. ★★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Make a decision that will help stabilize your life emotionally and financially. A personal commitment or altering the way you live will contribute to your emotional outlook. A change of status, reputation or position will improve your life. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are demonstrative, appealing and spirited. You are persuasive and forceful. To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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# Curry ready to see LeBron even more often



**WALNUT CREEK, Calif.** (AP)—Stephen Curry can only imagine the intensity level of the Lakers-Warriors rivalry now that LeBron James has landed in L.A.

After four straight NBA Finals against James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, two-time defending champion Golden State will get four matchups against James during the regular season.

"And a whole new-look Laker team with some of the young kids. It should be fun, the Bay Area and L.A. and the whole thing," Curry said Monday in a sit-down with The Associated Press while hosting his annual elite camp at Ultimate Fieldhouse. "When I first got into the league Oracle would be buzzing any time the Lakers came in. There probably will be a revolution of Laker fans that are going to try to creep in but I hope Bay Area and Dub Nation we keep control of that competition because we're on top right now."

The schedule is set to be released later this week.

Curry is eager to have new teammate and dominant big man DeMarcus Cousins healthy and recovered from surgery on a torn left Achilles tendon, which will give Golden State five All-Star starters on the floor together. Cousins has never been to the playoffs and can now chase a championship alongside fellow All-Stars Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond

## Thomas clinches Ryder Cup spot; Tiger still 20th

**OHIO** (AP)—Justin Thomas moved into third place in the United States team points race and clinched his Ryder Cup spot on Monday, the day after winning the World Golf Championships—Bridgestone Invitational by four shots in Akron, Ohio.

The victory also moved Thomas past England's Justin Rose to No. 2 in the official world golf rankings. Dustin Johnson remained in the No. 1 spot.

Thomas vaulted past Masters champion Patrick Reed in the Ryder Cup standings. However, Reed also secured his spot on the U.S. team along with the top-ranked Johnson and No. 2 Brooks Koepka. The other four automatic spots currently would go to Bubba Watson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler and Webb Simpson.

Simpson is the man in the American Ryder Cup team hot seat heading into this week's PGA Championship, the final week of automatic qualifying.

Simpson, who won the prestigious Players Championship in May, is really under the pump, however, and quite likely to be overtaken if he

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After winning a second straight NBA title and third in four years, it's another whirlwind summer for two-time MVP Curry, whose season was interrupted several times by injuries. He has a newborn

son, Canon, and is hosting his Under Armour "Stephen Curry Select Camp" this week for top high school players—including two girls for the first time, one being his father Dell's goddaughter, Cameron Brink, from Beaverton, Oregon.

Later this week he will again play in the Web.com tour's Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae in Hayward. He has an indoor putting green at home as well

as a swing simulator that has helped him leading up to the event given he also is busy with three young children at home.

"Am I getting any sleep? I'm getting the right amount of sleep for having a month-old son, my wife as well," Curry said. "There aren't really many expectations when a new baby comes, but my golf game is in decent shape. I haven't played as much as I'd

like to leading up to the tournament. I have a full swing golf simulator in my house now that's helping me prepare. Actually I'm getting in trouble because at home I sneak into that room way more than I should just because it's right there and I get my little swings in. I would say my preparation level is adequate enough to play well and hopefully play better than I did last year."



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) is defended by Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry (30) during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA Finals, Friday, June 8, 2018, in Cleveland.

Green and Klay Thompson.

"It's interesting because nobody going into free agency thought about DeMarcus as an option then all of a sudden he found his way onto our team," Curry said before getting in an on-court workout of his own. "So for us to have a new dynamic, a new look, whenever he's fully healthy it should be amazing. I think we got better. Obviously we lost some piec-

es that were very vital to us winning a championship but you've got to evolve, you've got to find different things to focus on as you're trying to repeat, so it should be exciting."

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## PGA lineup features not 1 but 2 Zach Johnsons

**ST. LOUIS** (AP)—Before he hits a single shot at the PGA Championship, Zach Johnson already has made a name for himself.

Yes, that Zach Johnson. And that other Zach Johnson, too.

No, golf fans, you are not seeing double. There are two of them roaming the grounds at Bellerive Country Club this week.

One needs no introduction. That would be the two-time major winner, Zach Johnson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a 12-time winner on the PGA Tour who has racked up more than \$44 million in winnings.

The other? Well, he's not quite a household name. He's Zach Johnson of Farmington, Utah, who works as the assistant pro at Davis Park Golf Course in the suburbs of Salt Lake City. He's one of 20 club pros who qualified into the 156-man field, and will be, for at least two days, on the same playing field with Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Dustin Johnson and, yes, Zach Johnson.

Tournament organizers called the club pro recently and asked him if it was OK for him to go by "Zach J. Johnson" for the week to eliminate confusion.

"I don't think they called and asked him first," Zach J. said of his namesake. "It was more like: 'Here's what you're going by. Hopefully you'll like it.'"

The J, by the way, stands for, well, J. When Johnson was born, his parents wanted to pick out a J name for his middle name. Unable to decide, they put J on the birth certificate and left the choice for later. Turns out, "J" sounded pretty good, so they stuck with that.

And if Zach H. Johnson (The H stands for Harrison, his mother's maiden name) hadn't won the Masters (2007) and British Open (2015), would he be going by "Zach H" this week?

"I doubt it," he said. "Maybe I'd be 'Z.'"

Imagine Zach J. John-



son's surprise back in 2009 when a package arrived at the golf shop in Utah, addressed to Zach Johnson. Return address: PGA Tour headquarters in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

"I thought, 'Why would I be getting something from the PGA Tour?'" he said. "I tore it open with a box cutter. Nicked the plaque cutting it open."

The plaque was made using four of Iowa Zach Johnson's scorecards. The package included a letter from then-commissioner Tim Finchem congratulating him on his great play in winning the Sony Open the week before.

Pictures were taken. The guys at the club had a few laughs. Back in the mail it went.

Nearly a decade later, the 35-year-old Johnson will come face to face with his better-known namesake. And really, Johnson's journey to the big time stretches back farther than that.

# Yankees stop 5-game slide with win over White Sox

 CHICAGO (AP)—Lance Lynn was sound asleep while the rest of the New York Yankees hopped on a flight to Chicago after perhaps their most difficult loss of the season.

With his new team in desperate need of a lift, he delivered.

Lynn pitched two-hit ball into the eighth inning in his first start with New York, and the Yankees rebounded from their tough weekend in Boston by beating the White Sox 7-0 on Monday night.

"Obviously, Lance Lynn, huge pick-me-up," manager Aaron Boone said. "He was terrific."

Lynn provided a big boost for New York after it dropped a season-high five straight games, including a four-game sweep by the major league-leading Red Sox. The series concluded with Aroldis Chapman blowing a save opportunity in a 10-inning loss at Fenway Park late Sunday.

Lynn (8-8), who was sent ahead to Chicago to get some rest, watched the end of the game before calling it a night.

"I went to bed knowing that I need to show up today," he said.

With his two-seam and four-seam fastballs filling up the strike zone, Lynn retired 19 in a row before Nicky Delmonico led off the eighth with a single to right. The veteran right-hander was acquired in a trade with Minnesota on July 30 and tossed 4 1/3 scoreless innings in relief in his Yankees debut before replacing Sonny Gray in New York's rotation.

After Tim Anderson flied out, A.J. Cole finished the three-hitter for the AL wild-card leaders.

The White Sox had won a season-high four straight. Adam Engel robbed Greg Bird of a potential three-run homer with an outstanding leaping catch over the wall in center in the fourth, but Chicago was shut out for the 10th time this year.

Manager Rick Renteria sent infielder Matt Davidson out to the mound for the ninth, and he struck out Giancarlo Stanton while pitching a scoreless inning for the third time this season.

"Yeah, I'm enjoying it, it's fun," Davidson said.

Dylan Covey (4-8) was charged with four runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. The right-hander dropped to 1-6 in his last seven starts.

"I actually thought he didn't throw that bad, to be honest," Renteria said. "They put some good swings on some pitches. He obviously gave us some length."



AP  
New York Yankees' Greg Bird makes contact off Chicago White Sox starter Dylan Covey's pitch during the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, in Chicago. Bird ended up flying out.

side of the infield. Haniger had doubled into the left field corner off Eddie Butler (2-2) a pitch after Jean Segura was thrown out trying to steal second base.

Sam Tuivailala (4-3), the seventh Seattle pitcher, had a perfect 11th for his first decision in four appearances since getting acquired July 27 in a trade from St. Louis. Edwin Diaz pitched the 12th for his majors-best 42nd save in 45 chances despite allowing a pair of singles.

## Astros 3, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Roberto Osuna got the win in his first appearance with Houston after Marwin Gonzalez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting the Astros over the Giants.

Osuna (1-0) hadn't pitch in the majors since May 6 while serving a 75-game suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence policy. Osuna was acquired from the Toronto Blue Jays last Monday in a deal that sent back closer Ken Giles, and he became eligible to pitch Sunday. A few fans booed when he entered the game in the eighth inning. He retired the side in order on five pitches.

Hector Rondon closed out the 2-hour, 26-minute game with his 12th save in 15 chances.

San Francisco closer Will Smith (1-2) blew his second save in nine opportunities after issuing walks to Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel.

## Angels 6, Tigers 2

In Anaheim, Andrelton Simmons hit a two-run homer and made several spectacular defensive plays to lead the Angels to a victory over the Tigers.

Eric Young Jr. hit his first homer of the season, drove in two runs and made a diving catch in deep center field to end the eighth inning for the Angels, who won for just the second time in eight games.

Simmons stepped up with two key hits and two runs while Mike Trout missed his fifth consecutive game with a sore right wrist for the Angels. The two-time AL MVP's injury absence is the second-longest of his big-league career, surpassed only by the 39 games he missed last season with a torn thumb ligament.

Nicholas Castellanos hit a first-inning homer, but the Tigers managed just three hits as their offensive slump continued.

Covey retired his first 10 batters before Stanton walked with one out in the fourth. Didi Gregorius, Aaron Hicks and Gleyber Torres followed with three straight hits, producing two runs.

The Yankees added two more in the fifth, and then broke it open with three runs in the eighth against Thyago Vieira. Torres hit his 18th homer with one out, and Neil Walker added a two-run shot.

The Diamondbacks had the winning run in scoring position in the ninth through 13th innings and couldn't get the hit they needed.

Peralta finally ended it, hitting the first pitch he saw from Austin Davis (1-2) off the wall and out in left-center. Peralta was mobbed at the plate after ending the Phillies' six-game winning streak with one swing.

## Diamondbacks 3, Phillies 2, 14 innings

In Phoenix, David Peralta hit his second solo homer off the game off the top of the wall in the 14th inning and the Diamondbacks rallied from a two-run deficit in the ninth to beat the Phillies.

In Kansas City, Javier Baez went deep, Cole Hamels pitched six strong innings and the Cubs beat the Royals.

Baez hit the first pitch from reliever Kevin McCarthy (4-4) in the sixth inning to center for his 25th home run, putting the Cubs ahead 2-1.

Baez doubled in the eighth to score Jason Heyward, upping his RBI total to an NL-leading 88.

Hamels (7-9) is 2-0 since the Cubs acquired him in a July 27 trade with the Texas Rangers. He allowed one run and seven hits.

## Mets 6, Reds 4

In New York, rookie Jeff McNeil homered in getting three more hits with his most unusual bat, leading Noah Syndergaard and the Mets over the Reds in a matchup of struggling teams.

Wilmer Flores, playing on his 27th birthday, and Austin Jackson each had three hits and Kevin Plawecki homered for the Mets.

Both clubs had lost five of six going into the series opener. Before it began, Reds pitcher Matt Harvey was honored with a video tribute, with the for-

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer struck out 11 and allowed three hits in six innings, and the Cleveland Indians hit four home runs in routing the Minnesota Twins.

Bauer (11-6) has 206 strikeouts this season, one behind Boston's Chris Sale for the AL lead. The right-hander has 10 double-figure strikeout games, tying him with Sale for the league lead. Bauer also leads the AL with 159 2/3 innings pitched.

Edwin Encarnacion drove in four runs, including a three-run homer in the seventh. Yonder Alonso, Brandon Guyer and Jason Kipnis also homered for Cleveland, which leads Minnesota by 10 games in the AL Central.

Alonso's home run started Cleveland's four-run fourth while Guyer added a two-run

shot, both coming off Kyle Gibson (5-9).

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## Rockies 2, Pirates 0

In Denver, Kyle Freeland and the Colorado bullpen combined on a two-hitter to help the Rockies beat the Pirates in a game that was interrupted 32 minutes by rain.

Freeland (10-7) allowed two hits and struck out five over seven stellar innings. Relievers Seunghwan Oh and Wade Davis combined to close out the win. Davis pitched a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 38 chances.

It was a positive step for a beleaguered bullpen that en-

dured three walk-off losses—two by Davis—during a 2-5 road swing.

## Marlins 2, Cardinals 1

In Miami, Javy Guerra cleaned up a ninth-inning mess created by struggling closer Kyle Barraclough, getting Yadier Molina to hit into a double play to end the Marlins' victory over the Cardinals.

After Wei-Yin Chen pitched 5 2/3 innings of one-hit ball, Miami led 2-0 going into the ninth and handed the game off to Barraclough.

Paul DeJong and Harrison Bader opened the inning with hard-hit singles, then Yairo Munoz walked. Pinch-hitter Kolten Wong struck out swinging, but Matt Carpenter drew a bases-loaded walk to make it 2-1 and end Barraclough's night.

Guerra got Molina to bounce into a double play for his first save since Sept. 27, 2014 while with the Chicago White Sox.

## Mariners 4, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Ryon Healy had a go-ahead RBI single with two outs in the 12th inning and the Mariners beat the Rangers after blowing an early three-run lead.

Mitch Haniger scored from second base when Healy hit a hard grounder through the left

# Cowboys, Prescott working through rough patches



**OXNARD, Calif.** (AP)—Dak Prescott threw two interceptions just a few plays apart in a training camp practice, including an ill-advised pass across the field to a receiver just a few yards from the line of scrimmage.

Those picks, and the decisions that go with them, are under more scrutiny after the Dallas Cowboys' quarterback followed his remarkable rookie season with a somewhat pedestrian encore. And Prescott is among those doing the scrutinizing—each night at camp in the film room.

"When I go back, I'm being super-critical of myself, of the throws, of the placement, of where I should have went with the ball," Prescott said Sunday. "I'm tough on myself. So when I go back tonight, all of that was OK, it's got to better and this is why it's got to better. And I take my notes and I move forward."

With the release of three-time Pro Bowl receiver Dez Bryant and the retirement of 15-year tight end Jason Witten, Prescott is working with a revamped group of receivers and unproven batch of tight ends.

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men's and women's national teams and the Asian Football Confederation events for the women's U16 and U19 squads plus the Marianas Cup later this year," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association technical director Michiteru Mita told *Saipan Tribune* a day after they won the Tuloy XO Cup.

The men's and women's national squads will be participating in the EAFF E-1 Preliminary Round 1—a qualifier for the 2019 EAFF E-1 Football Championship and will be held in Ulan Bator in Mongolia from Sept. 2 to 7. They will be up against the host, Macau, and Guam.

Before heading to Mongolia, the men's team will first go to South Korea for their second training camp that will run from Aug. 26 to 31. The Blue Ayuyus first had their first training camp in Japan last month. As for the women's squad, it is bound for Japan for its own training camp that will take place from Aug. 27 to 30.

After the tournament in Mongolia, a new batch of national team will then head out with the women's U16 crew traveling to Tajikistan for the AFC U16 Women's Championship 2019 Qualifiers. The CNMI players will challenge the host Thailand, Iran, and Singapore in the Group C qualifier that will run from

The resulting rough patches for the passing game after a week and a half in California aren't surprising, but notable nonetheless considering how the offense usually appears to be ahead of the defense with the Cowboys this time of year.

"The best teams I've been on are where it's back and forth all day and everybody is just competing and battling and no one really dominates the whole day," coach Jason Garrett said. "The other side competes back and challenges back and fights back. That's what we've had really throughout training camp."

There's a reality facing Prescott, though.

Two years ago, he set an NFL rookie record for passer rating and was voted the league's offensive rookie of the year for a team that finished with an NFC-best 13 wins. In 2017, the interceptions more than tripled (from four to 13), the passer rating dropped by almost 20 points and the Cowboys missed the playoffs at 9-7.

Some will point to running back Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations, which started halfway through the season just as Prescott and the



Cowboys were looking good enough for another playoff trip.

Others will remind of inju-

ries that sidelined left tackle Tyron Smith for three games, a big reason the offensive line didn't live up to its reputation

as one of the best in the league.

Regardless, the onus will be on Prescott to keep defenses honest with the Cowboys

In this July 26, 2018, file photo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott throws a pass during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif. Prescott and the Dallas passing game have seen some rough patches early in the training camp.

making no secret of building their offense around Elliott, Prescott's fellow rookie star who led the NFL in rushing that season.

"We have a lot of knew kinks here and there that is going to help everything else," Prescott said. "It's going to help our running game. It's going to help our play-action game out. As long as we've all bought into the offensive system, it is going to pay off."

Of the two key free agents Dallas signed at receiver, Allen Hurns has missed some time with leg discomfort and Deonte Thompson hasn't practiced at all because of Achilles heel soreness.

## Toronto tennis tournament a test for shot-clock innovation

**TORONTO**—This week's Toronto Masters is serving as a test bed for a time saving shot-clock innovation, with Wimbledon semifinalist John Isner fully on board with the idea.

A trial run of the 25-second on-court countdown clock which began last week at the ATP-WTA tournament in Washington will run through the US Open, with the Tours then expected to make decisions about continuing the innovation.

Eighth-seed Isner is confident the plan will work well and will not be a source of extra tension or distraction for players.

"I played the one match with the shot clock, and I didn't find it to be an issue at all," the American said on Monday. "I didn't feel rushed.

And I'm generally one of the slower players as well. I don't bounce the ball a lot or pick at things, but I just kind of take my sweet time behind the baseline before I serve."

The clock is designed to prevent time-wasting and maintain a regular pace of play.

"We've built common sense into the protocols," ATP rules and competition VP Gayle Bradshaw said on opening day in Toronto.

"We're trying to be sensible here."



The wide-scale experiment will end with the ATP and WTA ruling on whether to keep using it.

Bradshaw, a former chair umpire, said that leeway is built into the system to account for delays from the likes of crowd noise and player injury time outs.

Meanwhile, Bradley Klahn earned a wild card entry to the U.S. Open with his win over David Ferrer in the first round of the Rogers Cup.

The 27-year-old former NCAA champion will be returning to the Open for the

first time since 2014, when he was ranked as high as No. 63. He was out from February 2015 to November 2016 due to back surgeries. Klahn reached the second round of Wimbledon this year in his first appearance in a Grand Slam main draw in four years.

He earned a spot in this year's US Open by winning the tournament's wild card challenge based on players' results in hard-court play over a five-week period. His win over Ferrer gave him 150 points, to beat out Michael Mmoh, Marcos Girona and Tommy Paul.

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points—200 in singles and 147 in doubles. The world No. 220 Lee recently got 60 points in singles after ruling the South Pacific Open Junior Championships 2018 held in Fiji late June.

In the tournament in Australia, Lee is one of just three Pacific players included on the

acceptance list. The two others are siblings Violet and Patricia Apisah of Papua New Guinea. Violet is the top-ranked player on the list with her No. 31 ranking, while Patricia is ranked No. 840.

New Zealand and Australian players dominated the acceptance list in the girls division, while Japan has two in Makoto Ohara and Ai Yama-

uchi, and Malaysia has one in Sarah Nayar.

Meanwhile, Carol and her brother Sean, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, and Conatsu Kaga will also compete against Australian, Kiwi, Japanese players, and fellow Pacific Oceania bets in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships that will start on Tuesday.

Just like Carol, Schorr, and

Sean are hoping to gain more ITF Juniors ranking points, while Song and Kaga aim to earn their first ranking points.

The Oceania Closed is ranked higher than the Australian Winter International, as the former is a Grade B2 event where points as high as 160 and 120 can be won in the singles and doubles competitions, respectively.

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made it two in a row after edging out a 22-16 victory over the No. 1 seed Boleros. The Boleros were undefeated in 12 games in the regular season and ousted the Papa Bears to march into the finals before bowing to the GSM Masters. The IPI Masters were the fourth team entered in last season's competition and won third place against the Papa Bears.

Meanwhile, the 2018 Saipan Baseball League will go ahead with its original schedule for tonight's game with the Falcons (10-5) taking on the Blue Jays (4-10), while the two canceled matches last Monday and yesterday will be moved to next week. The Blue Jays were scheduled to square off against GSM (13-3) last Monday, while yesterday's pairing was supposed to be the Chalan Kanoa Bears (15-1) and Indians (2-13).

The Falcons need to win

their outing against the Blue Jays and two more to boost their playoff bid. The Tanapag-based team is currently tied for third to fourth place with the Mariners and is just slightly ahead of the defending champion Aces (10-6).

Only the Top 4 teams will advance to the playoff round with the Bears and GSM have already secured the first two spots. The Falcons' last two matches will be against the Aces on Aug. 14 and versus the Bears (date has yet to be determined as SBL

will have to revise the schedule to include a few more make-up games).

The Aces, on the other hand, will take on the Mariners in a crucial match tomorrow, while on Friday, the two eliminated squads—Blue Jays and Outlaws (0-16) will collide.

Once the regular season wraps up on schedule, the playoffs will start on Aug. 17. The semis will be a best-of-three affair, while the finals will follow a best-of-five format.

# 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships

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The CNMI Junior National Team players and coach Jeff Race, left back row, pose for a photo before competing in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships held late last month in Fiji.



Jimin Woo, left, and Seung Jin Paik, show their runner-up trophy in the boys U14 doubles.



Robbie Schorr makes a baseline return to Tahiti's Jeremy Guines.



Some members of the CNMI Junior National Team pose for a photo at the Incheon International Airport while waiting for their connecting flight to Fiji.



The winners in the individual events in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships gather for a group photo.



Robbie Schorr, right, poses with his championship trophy in the boys U16 singles after beating No. 1 seed Jeremy Guines, left, of Tahiti in the finals.



Runner-up Jimin Woo, left, joins champion Elie Manovai of Tahiti and one of the event's organizers for a group photo.



Participants in the 2018 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships pose for a photo after the opening ceremony.



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# More work for national teams

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The CNMI will not rest on its laurels despite its recent success in two off-island soccer tournaments.

 The Commonwealth's U16 boys national team clinched the championship in the Inaugural Tuloy XO Cup in the Philippines last Sunday, while the islands' U15 crew had notable performances in the East Asian Football Federation U15 Boys Tournament in Xianghe, China late last month. With two competitions down, the CNMI national teams are getting ready for five more.

"Now, our focus is the EAFF tournament for the See MORE on Page 26



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Members of the CNMI women's U16 and U19 training pool perform warm-up drills during a practice session at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Kobilerville late last month.

## Carol to compete in Australia

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CNMI junior player Carol Lee is heading Down Under later this month to compete in the Australian Winter International.

Lee, who is now in Fiji waiting for the start of the

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Carol Lee will travel from Fiji to Australia later this month to compete in the Australian Winter International.



Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018, is the fifth-highest ranked player on the acceptance list of the Australian Winter International that will run from Aug. 22 to 26 at the Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre Rod Laver in Sydney.

The tournament is a Grade 3 event, which offers 100 and 75 points to the singles and doubles champions.

The CNMI player currently has 236.75 combined

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## SBL to hold U25, Masters competitions

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Saipan Baseball League will have two competitions once this year's open division contest concludes early next month.

SBL director Tony Rogolifo said they will hold both the U25 and Masters leagues after the 2018 Saipan Baseball League wraps up at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The SBL is on the final stages of its two round-

robin regular season and may complete the playoffs in September.

Teams interested in joining the U25 and Masters league are advised to organize now and work on their uniforms and other tournament requirements to avoid delays in the opening of their respective competitions. Entrance fee for each league is \$1,000.

The GSM Cubs won last season's U25 league after



pulling off a 9-8 victory over the Tanapag Falcons. The Blue Jays and the Pirates were the other teams that competed in the U25 league last season. The Cubs eliminated the Blue Jays, 12-2, to move into the finals, while the Falcons outclassed the Pirates, 9-3, in the other semis pairing.

In last year's Masters league, the GSM Masters

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JON PEREZ  
Boleros, left, and Papa Bears players exchange high fives after their game in the Masters division of the 2017 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.